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Formula For Peace

By Elder John Longden

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★ The one certain formula for peace and progress awaits rediscovery rather than discovery. It was given by the only Man who could read history forward to the limits of time as well as backward to where it began. He gave it 2,000 years ago in a single sentence.

... Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself (Luke 10:27.)

Jesus also stated in John:

The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10.)

Christ was born in a time of tyranny, yet He was the Prince of Peace. He died a victim of that tyranny, yet He taught a gospel of love, of reconciliation with our neighbours. He was the personification of harmony, tranquility, and good feeling. Can there be any peace in the world without the Author of peace? Can the anti-Christ know peace, but can the rebellious Christian do so either? The Saviour said:

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will

give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

After all is said, is not that the answer to the problem of peace or war in this world? Is not that the message of Christmas?

The Magic Spirit of Christmas

Wilfred A. Peterson has put it in very beautiful words in a thought entitled "Magic Spirit":

"In a way we are each like an electric switch. The amount of the Christmas magic which shines through us is controlled by us. We have the power to turn the ideals of Christmas 'on' or 'off' in our lives. The personality-transforming power of Christmas, like the electricity in our homes, can be used whenever we want to use it. We can live in darkness or in light. It is up to us.

"Most of the year we are burning candles of goodwill, joy, and tolerance. The tiny flames penetrate only a little way into the surrounding darkness of good will, selfishness, and hatred. And at Christmas time the miracle happens!



Somehow we discover the switch that turns on the electricity of the spirit. For a while the world is brilliantly lighted with hope, love, faith, kindness, peace.

"Why do we go back to the candles and kerosene lamps of the spirit, when the spiritual electricity of Christmas is always available? It is like using electric light and electric power for only a few days a year and then going back to old-fashioned methods for the balance of the year. Just as electric power is available the year around, the magic spirit of Christmas is ours to use, 365 days in the year.

"If someone invented a light meter so sensitive that it could record the light in the faces of men, women, and children, the highest reading would come during the Christmas season. It is then that people radiate the best thoughts, the deepest emotions, the finest spirit. Christmas makes men glow.

"The mighty dynamos that generate electricity to give light and power to a city are utilized the year around. Christmas with all its deeper meanings is a mighty spiritual dynamo. It generates the power to keep the lights of

the spirits of men burning to light up the world. The world would be transformed if we would leave the magic spirit of Christmas turned on the whole year through. The switch is in our hearts!"

A Parable

May I quote a parable not written by Jesus. It is entitled, "Why Jesus Christ?"

"There is a story told by the organist of the great church at Fribourg. He was sitting one day at the console of the organ, and while he played, a stranger came in and stood behind him. At the end of a half hour, the stranger said, 'May I take the instrument?' But the organist refused. Still the stranger waited. At intervals he repeated the request, and finally, willingly, the organist gave way.

"The stranger took the stool and sat for a moment looking at the keys. Then he began and immediately there burst from the eager pipes, grander music than the great organ had ever yielded before. It filled the church; it dwelt in the branching roof; it awakened sleeping angels; the stone pillars shouted for joy. Overcome, the organist seized the shoulders of the stranger, and as

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The Christmas Star

Children, as your gifts you leave
Near the tree on Christmas Eve,
Can you see the star so bright
Shine above the topmost light?

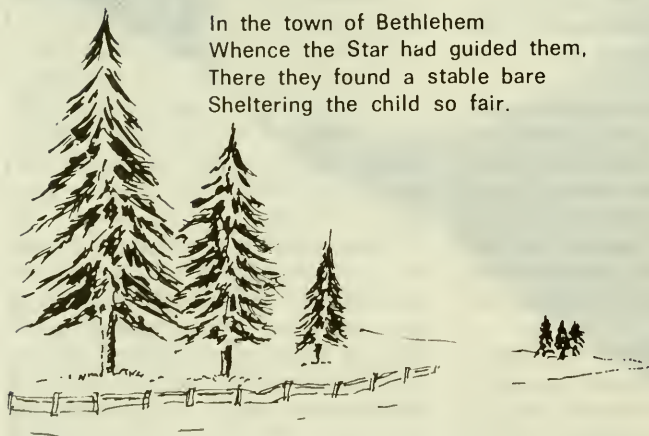
Look beyond the window pane,
See the Christmas Star again,
Shining with a beckoning glow,
On the earth so far below.

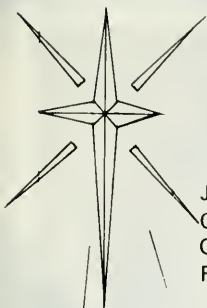
"Christmas Star, if you could tell
Of the tale you know so well,
You would speak with trembling joy
Of the birth of Mary's boy."

Jesus was a baby mild,
Just as any little child,
Yet of him the angels sang,
Heavenly hosannahs rang.

Kings and shepherds to him came
To bear him gifts, and call his name,
Many, many miles they trod
To worship him, the son of God.

In the town of Bethlehem
Whence the Star had guided them,
There they found a stable bare
Sheltering the child so fair.





Joseph strong and Mary mild
Comforted their firstborn child,
Ox and ass stood quiet, and calm,
Fanning him with breath so warm.

Yet this baby, lowly bred
With no place to lay his head,
No warm cradle, soft and white,
Or Christmas tree with glowing light.

This baby boy, who lately came,
With Jesus for his given name,
Was Heavenly Father's eldest son,
The choice, and long awaited one.

He grew, and learned, and led, and taught
The Gospel, which so many sought,
And though he's gone, we follow still,
To learn his way, and do his will.

This Christmas, as you gaze with glee
Upon your glittering Christmas tree,
As you look towards the star
Twinkling above you far.

Remember Jesus, and his birth,
How he came upon the earth,
Lived, and died, then rose again,
Eternal life for us to gain.

As you open gifts with joy,
Think of Mary's baby boy,
And the gift he gave to you
Of life eternal, love so true.

—Gillian Brown-Lee



the melody died away, he said, 'Who are you?'

"I am Felix Mendelssohn," said the stranger.

"And to think," said the organist, 'that I nearly refused Mendelssohn the use of my organ!'"

It is a parable: If you want the life of Jesus to produce harmony in your life, you must let the Master Musician play it. He can draw more music from it than you can of yourself. A merely decent life can be changed to a life that produces the harmony of heaven. I wonder how many of us will come to the end of mortality and have to say, "I refused to let Jesus play upon the keys of my life!"

Christmas Greeting, 1513 A.D.

May I give you this Christmas greeting written in 1513 A.D., over 400 years ago, discovered by Robert Updegraff of Scarsdale, New York. I am sure that you, too, will receive inspiration, as I have, from this Christmas message written by Fra Giovanni:

I salute you! There is nothing I can give you which you have not; but there is much, that, while I cannot give, you can take.

No heaven can come to us unless our hearts find rest in it today.



Elder John Longden

Take Heaven.

No peace lies in the future which is not hidden in the present. Take Peace.

The gloom of the world is but a shadow; behind it, yet within our reach, is joy. Take Joy.

And so, at this Christmas time, I greet you, with the prayer that for you, now and forever, the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

WORK

"Man from the beginning possessed the potential power of creating his requirements through work. The words 'create' and 'work' are synonymous. Hence, the power of God is work."

—Joseph L. Wirthlin

Christmas Is . . .

- ...shopping for just the right present for a loved one.
- ...beautiful decorations and lights on the high street.
- ...crowds and crowds of people.
- ...wrapping and posting parcels.
- ...addressing Christmas cards.
- ...cleaning and polishing your home.
- ...endless baking of mince pies and Christmas turkey.
- ...hiding coins in the Christmas pudding.
- ...trimming the Christmas tree.
- ...arranging and decorating a bounteous table.
- ...contributing something to someone less fortunate.
- ...listening to the Junior Sunday School children sing in sweet, tremulous voices.
- ...the warm handshake and the gay "Merry Christmas" greeting.
- ...the gathering of loved ones.
- ...Father Christmas.
- ...the Christmas tree on the village green.
- ...the welcoming of carolers at your door and offering refreshment.
- ...reading the story of the Saviour's birth from Luke.
- ...hanging up the Christmas stockings.
- ...taking pictures.
- ...being wakened by eager, "can't wait" children.
- ...being thankful for the birth of Jesus Christ.

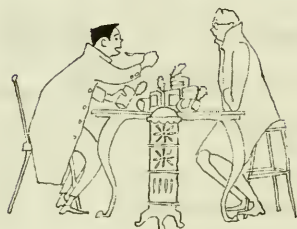
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Christmas At Our House



By Karen B. Bateman

Bateman children enact Nativity scene.
Rebecca is Baby Jesus and wise men,
twins Lisa and Lori, Scott

★ Christmas, what a glorious season! It is a time of happy anticipation. A time to renew old friendships and enjoy pleasant associations. A time to rekindle and boost our spiritual development. Perhaps foremost, it is a time for families to draw closer together, to plan, to anticipate to share and to love a little more.

When my husband Neldon and I were married, and spent our first Christmas together, we each brought with us, our own traditions, childhood memories and experiences, and merged them together into what became "Christmas at our Home". We now have four young children and are attempting to make Christmas a lovely season and a worthwhile experience for them, so in turn, they may someday take these traditions and memories into their own families.

With young children whose heads are full of dolls, trains, sweets and Father Christmas, often it is difficult to keep the thought of Christ and the celebration of His birthday in its proper per-

spective. One of the traditions we have developed is to bake a birthday cake complete with candles the day before Christmas, and then on Christmas Day we light the candles and sing Happy Birthday to Baby Jesus. This has been very effective with our children because a birthday celebration must have a cake to be complete. It also helps them appreciate the literal importance of the celebration of Christ's birthday.

We also have a special nativity scene which we arrange each year, and is one of the highlights of our decorations.

Another activity the children enjoy is the play-enactment of the first Christmas. This came about one year quite spontaneously. Since children so love to dress up, through this activity they get a more realistic idea, of the plight of Mary and Joseph and how happy the birth of Christ made those who were anticipating the great event.

We also enjoy baking and candy making during the holidays, and our favorite

project is a gingerbread house, which all can help to decorate. It is also an interesting "project" to see how much candy is left on the house by the time Christmas finally arrives! !

Since we moved to England, three years ago, we started collecting a set of Christmas dishes and we begin using these the first week in December. We also have a large felt advent calendar full of sweets and small toys to decorate the tree each day. These two projects help us prolong the pleasure and heighten the anticipation. I have found, that anticipation, especially with children, is often more exciting than the actual event.

We have found that our children really are as excited to give as to receive. We start the first part of November to encourage them to plan and save to buy gifts for each other. It is a delightful experience to see the children get more excited watching each other open gifts they have given, than to open their own gifts.

We also insist on taking turns in

opening gifts, so that we may all enjoy the experience and help to eliminate the confusion.

We love to entertain during the holidays, and enjoy planning together our decorations, centrepieces and refreshments. Since this is the first Christmas our Daddy has been Bishop, we have had great pleasure in planning a special open house on Christmas for members of our Ward who may be alone.

We have all appreciated the Family Home Evening Programme, and especially those preceding Christmas, which have helped us develop a more spiritual attitude to the season.

Since I have stopped to reflect on what Christmas at our home means to me, and the experiences and memories we are trying to give our own children, I become so aware of all the love, excitement, and spiritual gifts they in turn give to us. Certainly Christmas is a time for families to love and appreciate a little more, not only the Saviour but each other.

The Advent Calendar interests Lisa, left; Rebecca, Lori and Scott.



The True Meaning Of Dickens Christmas Carol

By Frank Paterson

★ "... Christmas Eve, Dick, Christmas, Ebenezer . . . cried old Fezziwig. In came a fiddler with a music book, and went up to the lofty desk, and made an orchestra of it. In came Mrs. Fezziwig, one vast substantial smile. In came the three Miss Fezziwigs, beaming and lovable. In came the six young followers whose hearts they broke. In came all the young men and women employed in the business. In came the housemaid, with her cousin, the baker. In came the cook, with her brother's particular friend, the milkman. In came the boy from over the way, who was suspected of not having board enough from his master; trying to hide himself behind the girl from next door but one, who was proved to have had her ears pulled by her mistress.

In they all came . . . anyhow and everyhow.

Away they all went . . . round and round in various stages of affectionate

grouping until, old Fezziwig clapping his hands to stop the dance cried out, "Well done!" There were more dances, and there were forfeits and more dances, and there was cake, and there was negus, and there was a great piece of Cold Roast, and there was a great piece of Cold Boiled, and there were mince pies.

When the clock struck eleven, this domestic ball broke up.

Mr. and Mrs. Fezziwig took their stations, and shaking hands with every person individually as he or she went out, wished him or her a "Merry Christmas".

So, in A Christmas Carol, Charles Dickens describes the Christmas Eve party in the warehouse of the benevolent employer Old Fezziwig. A party to which are invited not only his family close and distant but those for whom he feels responsible. His employees

and his neighbours, his associates and their friends. Those poorer than himself and those illtreated by others. Some shy, some bold, some graceful, some awkward, some pushing some pulling. His power lies in words and looks; in things so slight and insignificant that it is not possible to count them. He spreads the spirit of Christmas throughout his world and the happiness he gives is great.

Again in another poorer setting Dickens again describes a Christmas meal.

There never was such a goose. Bob said he didn't believe there ever was such a goose cooked. Its tenderness and flavour, size and cheapness were the themes of universal admiration. Eked out by the apple sauce and mashed potatoes, it was a sufficient dinner for the whole family.

Yet everyone had had enough, and the young Cratchits, in particular, were steeped in sage and onion to the eyebrows!

Helloa! A great deal of steam!

The pudding was out of the copper. A smell like a washing day! That was the cloth. A smell like an eating house and a pastry cook's next door to each other, with a laundress's next door to that! That was the pudding, like a speckled cannon-ball, so hard and firm

bedight with Christmas holly stuck into the top.

Oh, a wonderful pudding! Everybody had something to say about it, but nobody said or thought it was at all a small pudding for so large a family. Any Cratchit would have blushed to hint at such a thing.

Apples and oranges were put on the table, and a shovelful of chestnuts on the fire. Then Bob proposed:

"A Merry Christmas to us all, my dears, God bless us!"

Here again with all the means at his disposal Bob Cratchit bestows upon his family all that he can give. He generously gives and those in his home equally generously receive that he too may be blessed.

So we all at Christmastime try to emulate our Father in Heaven, by giving to others. The greatest of all God's gifts is the ability that we all have to achieve exaltation and eternal life. At the first Christmas our Father gave to the World His only begotten Son that we may be taught, grow and develop towards this end.

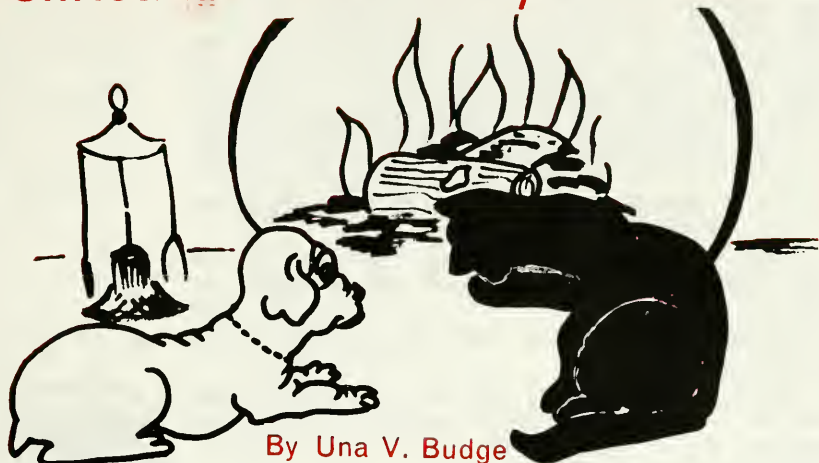
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Christmas With Jonty And Ben



By Una V. Budge

Ben stretched his front legs to the fire and put his head on them, staring into the flames. Winter was a good time, he thought. Lovely smells in the woods and the beautiful feel of leaves rustling round your feet. But there was a feeling of bustle and excitement about the house that was unusual—a lot of laughing and running up and down, letters arriving and things going on in the kitchen. Jonty had been in the kitchen, but now he strolled in and settled himself against Ben's plump side and began to clean his tail very carefully.

"Christmas", said Jonty, flicking his whiskers. "You know—presents, and those terrible things that bang, and the tree with the glittery things on—and a turkey." So that was it, thought Ben. Christmas. He seemed to remember something concerning a new collar that he had bitten because it was stiff, and Missus had said, "Oh, Ben, your lovely Christmas collar!" But she had taken it off and put his old chain one on again. Ben had a very thick neck.

"I knew there was something" he grunted.

"They are going to Grannie's said Jonty, licking furiously. Ben hated what the family called "Going Away". Sometimes he went with them, and sometimes he went to kennels. Going with them had its advantages, but he never enjoyed it much. Kennels were dull, but the food was good. He gave a deep sigh, and slobbered on the hearthrug. Jonty loathed "Going Away" Not that he ever went. Usually he stayed at home, minding the house, and a neighbour came

in to feed him. It was terribly lonely, but at least he had his own bed. He missed all the feet around him—everything was too quiet and tidy, and there were no laps to sit on. Generally he slept on each bed in turn, trying to imagine that there were feet and legs in them that you could snuggle up against. This was not a great success. In fact, the only nice thing about Going Away was Coming Home. That was wonderful. So much stroking and kissing and hugging, and special treats to eat, and even Master offering a knee to be sat on, and the twins quarrelling about whose bed should be offered for sleeping. Fabulous! It was almost worth putting up with the miseries of Going Away.

"I don't like the kennels", said Ben. "They smell like the stuff Missus puts down the drains—pff! It makes me sneeze."

"Tell you what", said Jonty, giving up his washing. "Let's go, this time, shall we?"

"Where?" asked Ben. He was glad Jonty had stopped washing. Every time he licked he bumped against Ben and and gave him a little push that disturbed the comfortable position of his chin on his paws.

"Away, of course", said Jonty, and curled himself up, paws folded carefully. They both stared into the fire.



"When they Go Away there's no fire", said Jonty.

"Not in kennels, either", agreed Ben.

"I keep warm, of course, but it's nice to look at", said Jonty.

"Straw is warm, but it's very scratchy," said Ben. "Makes me itch". The thought of the straw made him itch, and he sat up to give himself a vigorous scratch before flopping down again.

"How can we Go Away?" he asked, seeing that Jonty was thinking. When he thought, his whiskers twitched to and fro.

Missus came in, looked at the fire and them, and began to put on more coal, smothering the pretty flames.

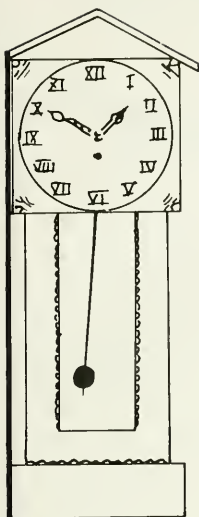
"Of course, you two would be in the warmest place, wouldn't you?" she teased, giving Jonty a pat and pulling Ben's ear. "If you were any use to me you'd make up the fire, wouldn't you?"

Ben looked up at her with eyes of love.

"I would if I could", he said, in his doggy way. Missus understood him very well.

"I believe you would, if you could", she said, and kissed his velvety head. Jonty shifted himself, and muttered that his paws wouldn't be able to lift these great lumps of coal, so if Missus relied on him it would be too bad. Missus





stroked him and gave his fine tail a little loving tug.

"As for you, you old black lazybones, I suppose your paws aren't big enough to lift coal", she said.

It was amazing how they understood, thought Jonty: Missus couldn't speak a word of Cat or Dog, but it was never safe to say anything private when she was around. Twinnies were learning, too. Master, fortunately, wasn't very good at languages. Even Martin said Daddy's French was terrible. When Missus went out again Jonty said,

"We can hide ourselves in the car".

"They let me sit in the front when they take me. Perhaps they will take me", said Ben.

"They won't. They're going to Granny. She has that revolting Peke. You chase it remember. It came here once. Granny calls it a dog, but to my mind it's neither Cat, Dog, nor good horse meat."

Ben sighed. He remembered the Peke all too well. His slow mind ground out a message.

"Perhaps it's gone", he said.

"What a hope", said Jonty. Perhaps, after all, going wasn't a good idea.

"Supposing we Went Away before they Come Back?" said Jonty. Ben lifted his big head and shook his ears.

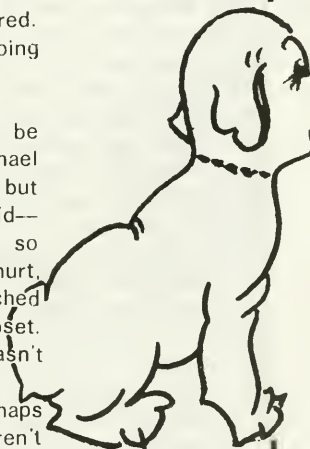
"What do you mean?" he asked, completely bewildered. What was the point of it? The only nice thing about Going Away was Coming Back. Jonty had just said so.

"If we weren't here, they'd be upset, wouldn't they?"

Jonty thought about it. Master and Missus would be worried, and the twins would be horrified: Baby Michael might not notice—he only noticed tails, at the moment, but Jonty supposed he would grow out of it, they usually did—but there was Alan to consider. Alan who loved them so and talked Cat and Dog beautifully—Alan would be hurt, and that was unbearable. Jonty's ear itched and he scratched it so hard that it hurt. No, he couldn't bear Alan to be upset.

"Forget it", said Jonty, trying to sound casual. "It wasn't a very good idea".

Ben sighed deeply and flopped over on his side. Perhaps after all Jonty had made a mistake—maybe they weren't Going Away. Perhaps Christmas would be here, with all the laughter and the lovely rustle of paper, and ice-cream and jelly which brought him out in spots, but he did love it so much. Jonty sighed, too, but turned it into a yawn. He determined to concentrate on the Coming Back, and to forget the Going Away. But he had seen all those cases, all that washing and ironing: he had gone and sat in one of the cases, and



Missus had actually slapped him—slapped! It was unbearable. Even though he was sitting on what she called her best evening skirt.

It was nearly time for tea. Soon the twins would come in, then Alan, then Master, and all the feet he loved would be around again: big and small, noisy and quiet, bare and slippered, nudging him, tickling him, sometimes standing on him, pushing him. The feet of His Family. Suddenly both of them heard the car come in, the doors slam, the front door fly open, and in came all the feet, accompanied by laughter and chattering and the noise of shoes coming off and books being dropped. Master had collected them all from school because it was the last day of term.

"No more school, no more school!" sang the twins, to the tune of Three Blind Mice. Alan was singing Good King Wenceslas and telling his mother that he had sung the Page, all at the same time. The noise was deafening but Jonty and Ben loved it. Ben had already got up and flung himself into the hall to jump and slobber all over everyone. Jonty went out in a dignified way, his tail aloft, making his greeting noise. Alan gathered him up and kissed him and murmured Cat into his ear.

I wish they weren't Going Away, thought Jonty. Alan understood and hugged him tight, so tight it hurt. He whispered, "I don't want to go to Granny's—I'd rather stay here with you and Ben".

"So would we", purred Jonty.

A little later, when tea was in progress, the telephone rang. Master got up to answer it, hushing his family as he asked "Who is it?"

"Charles?" ("It's Uncle Charles", hissed Alan).

"Well, of course you can. We shall be away".

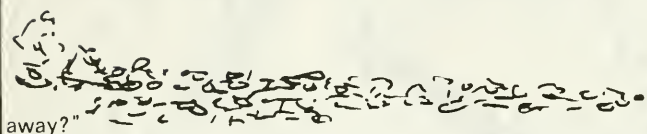
"Absolutely ideal, actually. Save us making arrangements for the animals." (The idea, bristled Jonty—"the animals", indeed! What next?)

"On Friday, then. No, delighted, my boy. Bring who you like. Place is all yours".

Missus said, as he sat down again and tried to answer the questions everyone was asking.

"I suppose Charles is going to live here while we're





away?"

"Yes—that's O.K. isn't it? Ideal, I thought. Don't you?"

"Yes, of course, it's fine, darling. I'd better leave him to get in his own food".

Jonty and Ben looked at each other. This would be fine for them, too. A fire: feet: a lap—maybe several laps. Young Uncle Charles, who loved cats and cooked delicious meals and would walk for miles in the woods and help Ben get a rabbit. There was only one thing that would make Christmas perfect for them, and now it happened.

"Mummy", said Alan, breathlessly, "Mummy, may I ask you something? Terribly secret?"

"What is it, love?" asked his mother, as he came to her and put his arms round her. Alan whispered urgently in her ear.

"Mummy—please—may I stay with Uncle Charles for Christmas? May I, Mummy? Do let me—please."

His mother ruffled his hair. "If Daddy says yes—if you think Uncle Charles will have you."

"O Mummy, he'll have me! We have gorgeous times together. Daddy, please may I?"

His whispers had been so loud that his father had heard them perfectly.

"I don't see why you shouldn't. I don't suppose Granny will mind one less. One thing, though. You must both come over for Boxing Day tea to Granny's—understood? One other thing—you must take care of the animals."

"Jonty and Ben? Of course, Daddy. Of course I'll take care of them. They get ever so lonely without us. I hate leaving them behind. Oh Daddy, thank you."

Jonty nudged Ben.

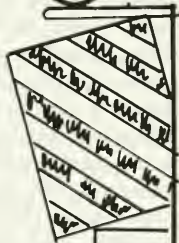
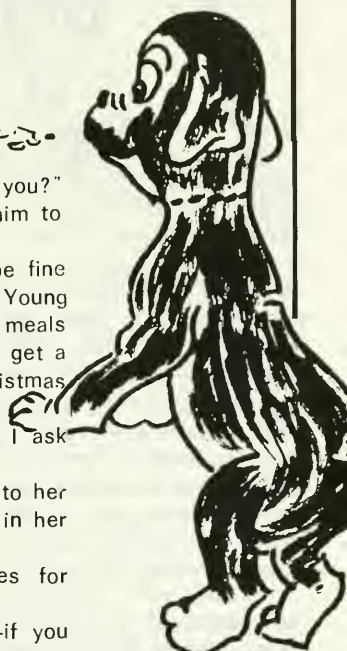
"It's going to be a lovely Christmas", he purred.

"Yes, a lovely Christmas", grunted Ben.

"Look at those two fat things there", said Missus. "Did you ever see such a picture of laziness?"

But Alan was on the rug hugging them both, and there were three very happy people—if you call a cat and a dog people—in the room that evening. Jonty said, his face against Alan's ear.

"Christmas is for making people happy, isn't it?"





Brothers — By The

By E. McCree Vale, Bristol

★ In the British lines on Sunday, 25th December, 1916, there was restrained merry-making. They had additional supplies, including Christmas puddings and many of the usual things that went with that magical word—Christmas.

Order, however, had to be maintained and someone would have to go on sentry. There was a call for volunteers. Jim Harding's hand went up—"You can count on me, Sir" he said.

He was not a kill-joy, but it would be Christmas Day and Sunday, and every man to his own taste—half the lads would be drunk, so he did not mind standing guard one little bit.

Or, Christmas Eve, the snow had fallen a little and it was very cold. Christmas Day saw a shimmering white crisp carpet spread over the bomb pitted land. The air was like wine—there was peace. No screaming bombs, no machine gun fire, and all the terrors they brought with them.

This peace was wonderful. As Jim walked—he thought; looking at his watch—10.30, back home they would all be assembled for the special Christmas morning programme—he felt he must sing, and sing out loud.

He started very quietly at first, but soon his rich baritone voice gained power as he sang—

O my Father, Thou that dwellest,
In a high and glorious place,

When shall I regain Thy presence,
And again behold Thy face.

In Thy Holy habitation,

did my spirit once reside,

In my first primeval childhood,

Was I nurtured near Thy side.

Then—the most extraordinary thing happened, a German voice commenced singing. A glorious voice came across no-mans-land, across all the barbed wire entanglements. As this tin-hatted German walked up and down the German trench he sang—

For a wise and glorious purpose.

Thou hast placed me here on earth.

And withheld the recollection

of my former friends and birth.

Yet oft times, a secret something,

Whispered, "You're a stranger here".

And I felt that I had wandered,

From a more exalted sphere.

As the German words came across to Jim, he followed every syllable in English. He then started singing the third verse; his voice trembling a little as he began. He could never remember feeling so moved before, but his voice gained power, as he sang.

I had learned to call Thee Father,

Through Thy Spirit from on high,

But until the key of knowledge,

Was restored, I knew not why.

In the heavens are parents single?

No; the thought makes reason stare,

Truth is reason, truth eternal,



Laws Of God!

Yes! There the German stood, his helmet just showing. Then the fourth verse came across, as clear as a bell. He sang as if it was a prayer of entreaty.

When I leave this frail existence,
When I lay this mortal by,
Father—Mother, may I meet you,
In your royal courts on high.
Then at length, when I've completed,
All you sent me forth to do,
With our mutual approbation
Let me come and dwell with you .

Then there was a silence—a silence that could almost be felt. Then—this German soldier was very carefully getting through the barbed wire. Jim sprang forward and got through the barbed wire, quicker than he would ever have thought it possible. Then both men crawled—slithered—wriggled towards each other. Strangers—enemies—yet brothers.

Brothers—no bombs, no machine guns could ever take that relationship away from them. Neither could speak the others language, but speech was not necessary. The German grabbed Jim's hand, with the grip like a vice. They looked into each others eyes, as they lay there on the ground; both knew they were not alone. The Spirit of the The Lord was there with them.

For a brief second their eyes closed in prayer. Then with another grip of their tightly clasped hands they crawled and wriggled back to their own lines and into their trenches, standing for a second looking over the top, then each lifted a hand as a parting gesture. Turning they resumed their march, guarding their separate countries strip of land, brushing the snow from their uniforms as they went. The German doing his duty to the Kaiser, and Jim doing the same for his King.

No King, no Emperor, could ever take away from these brothers the unity of those few short minutes, or that beautiful song which had drawn them together. They had been protected, they both knew, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Each man knew, too, if anyone had seen and cared to betray them, the penalty could have been death.

Nothing could ever take away from them that unique experience—that devastated strip of no-mans-land in the battlefield had been their Church, the scene of their Christmas morning programme.

Enemies by their countries' laws,
Brothers by the laws of God.

(The narrative of this story is based upon the numerous extraordinary incidents that took place during the 1914-18 War. Sister Vale recently died.)

Relief Society Women Urged To Put Father At Head Of The Family

★ Relief Society members, as homemakers, were urged during the auxiliary's annual conference in the Tabernacle on Temple Square, "to put father at the head of the home."

Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of the Twelve, encouraged the women to provoke their husbands to good work and particularly, to see to it that everyone is so alerted to the weekly Family Home Evening and allow nothing to interfere with these evenings.

Reminding the women to constantly assess the programmes of Relief Society, Elder Lee urged members to live consecrated lives—lives consecrated to service, to loyalty to the priesthood, and loyalty to one another.

Elder Lee warned against accepting the world's standards in regard to sex education, as he appealed to mothers to teach their children high standards with regard to intimate behaviour.

Welfare Programme

Elder Henry D. Taylor, Assistant to the Council of the Twelve, addressed the women on the Welfare programme of the Church. He counseled against any person in the Church becoming a welfare charge for the Church or the public as long as relatives were able to care for such person.

The Church Welfare programme stands ready to help those who cannot help themselves or who cannot obtain sufficient aid from family members. The programme accepts as a fundamental truth that the responsibility for one's economic maintenance first rests upon

the individual, secondly upon the family and third upon the Church if the person is a faithful member, he said.

Elder Taylor urged everyone to obtain an education, trade, skill, or profession so that remunerative employment may be secured. He likewise encouraged all to live within their incomes, avoid excessive debt, and acquire and store a reserve of food, clothing, and cash on a sensible, well-planned basis.

Sister Belle S. Spafford, general president of the auxiliary, conducted the conference and spoke of the rights and responsibilities of women. She cited the democratic way of life as having not its beginning with the 13 American colonies in America, but dating back to the ancient Greeks;

"Aristotle taught that a state should be but the joining together of people for the happiness of themselves and families, with each one being allowed as much independence as possible, without interfering with the rights of others."

Prophets Taught Freedom

She noted that the 1215 Magna Charta was the foundation and pillar of English constitutional law.

Sister Spafford said Latter-day Saints know that God's prophets have taught the importance of freedom which comes through representative government.

She said it is highly disturbing that certain influences are making inroads upon "our democracy and its happy productive way of life for the people."

Teachers Most Important, Sunday School Leaders Told

★ The greatest influence the Sunday School can have is the teacher. And the teacher should teach:

"That Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Only Begotten of the Father in the flesh, the Creator of the world . . . and that because of His death and by and through His resurrection every man born into the world since the beginning will be likewise literally resurrected.

"That the Father and the Son actually and in truth and very deed appeared to the Prophet Joseph Smith in a vision . . . and that the Gospel and the Holy Priesthood after the order of the Son of God were in truth and fact restored to the earth from which they were lost by the apostasy of the primitive church."

Elder Boyd K. Packer, Assistant to the Twelve, keynote speaker at the Sunday School semi-annual conference said Sunday School teachers have a great opportunity and challenge "to go over the map in our journey of life and pull us back on course."

"Don't lose sight of the fact that the power of Sunday School is in the lesson" he said.

Gen. Supt. David Lawrence McKay and his two assistants Lynn S. Richards and Royden G. Derrick, directed the conference in the Tabernacle on Temple Square.

Many teaching aids were on display during departmental sessions of the auxiliary's conference.



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The Prophet Speaks

Religion — A Potent Power That Can Solve Problems

By President David O. McKay

(The prophet's message delivered at the 138th semi-annual General Conference of the Church in the Salt Lake Tabernacle)

I am grateful for the blessings of the Lord to His Church in all the world, and for the assurance of His divine guidance and inspiration. With deep gratitude, I acknowledge His nearness and His goodness. . . .

I love life! I think it is a joy to be alive in this age . . . It is a glorious age in which we live, and I have faith in the law-abiding and industrious people of this country, as well as throughout the world, and I trust that only good will be realized from the material strides being made.

However, no thinking man will doubt that this age is fraught with limitless perils, as well as untold possibilities. As we read and learn of conditions that are developing among the people, we must admit there are real causes for apprehension and alertness. As we note the increase in crime, and the disrespect for law and order, we are naturally shocked and alarmed. Just recently J. Edgar Hoover reported that:

"We have on the loose in our country today a predatory monster called CRIME. It is growing in size and viol-

ence . . . It is ripping away the very fibre of our society and our system of government.

"One appalling aspect is the fact that many people in positions of responsibility continue to deny this truth. They prefer to close their eyes and hope that crime, if ignored, will go away. This wistful approach is doomed to failure. . . .

"The answer to our Nation's crime problem will be found in direct, positive action—not by waiting and hoping the problem will go away. A good beginning would be to let the guilty criminal know that when he is arrested, he will be promptly prosecuted and substantially punished for his misdeeds. A good time to begin would be NOW."

Must Warn

We cannot, we must not, be insensible to the evil forces around us, and especially the Communistic conspiracy, the avowed object of which is to destroy faith in God, to sow discord and contention among men with the view of undermining, weakening, if not entirely destroying, our constitutional form of government, and to weaken and subvert the ideals of our younger generation. When acts and schemes are manifestly contrary to the revealed word of the

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under the influence of liquor, and had been, I suppose, for several days.

Vivid Warning

When he saw us, he broke down and cried, and asked father for 50 cents so that he could go back into the saloon for another drink. As we drove across the bridge my father said, "David, that man whom you just saw in that drunken state used to go with me to visit the members of the ward in their homes as a representative of the priesthood." That was all my father said to me about the incident, but it was a very vivid warning to me about the effects of dissipation that I have never forgotten.

I cannot give you the author nor the title of the book, but I can give you the memory of the lesson of a group of young people sailing down the river towards Niagara Falls. Those young folks were drinking and carousing and having a "good time" in the boat sailing down that river. A man on the shore, realizing the dangers that lay ahead, cried out to them, "Young men, ahoy! and cry: "Young men, ahoy, there is the rapids are below!" But they ignored his warning and finally over the rapids they went!

It is one thing to stand on the shore and cry: "Young men, ahoy, there is danger ahead"; and it is another thing to row into the stream, and, if possible, get into the boat with the young men and by companionship, by persuasion, and by legitimate force, when necessary, turn the boat from the rapids. Too many of us stand on the shore and cry . . . Let us get into their lives, let us touch their personality by our personality, and let them feel that there is something real in this religion; that it is the greatest thing in life; that nothing else can make them so



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Lord, I feel, as do my associates, justified in warning our people against them.

It is appalling and shocking to learn that an estimated six million Americans suffer from alcoholism. The Public Health Service ranks alcoholism as the fourth major public health problem in the United States. The impaired morals, ruined health, broken homes, and increased traffic deaths which result from drinking are well known by all of us.

One of the great influences upon my youth was the memorizing of that important scripture: "My spirit will not dwell in an unclean tabernacle." I recall other warnings. One came to me as a boy. I sat on a spring seat by the side of my father as we drove into Ogden. Just before we reached the bridge across the Ogden River, a man came out of a saloon on the north bank of the river. I recognized him. I liked him because I had seen him on the stage. But on that occasion he was

happy and satisfied as the true religious life. . .

Love Justice, Hate Evil

A clean man is a national asset. A pure woman is the incarnation of true national glory. A CITIZEN WHO LOVES JUSTICE AND HATES EVIL IS BETTER AND STRONGER THAN A BATTLESHIP.

The strength of any community consists of and exists in the men who are pure, clean, upright, and straightforward, ready for the right and sensitive to every approach of evil. Let such ideals be the standard of citizenship.

We have confidence in the majority of the young people, but no matter how firm our confidence in them is, we must not close our eyes to the fact that the number of delinquents and youthful criminals is increasing. In the interest of the moral atmosphere of our communities, the welfare of the state, and the perpetuity of our democratic form of government, we must apply the proper remedies and if possible remove the causes of crime.

Another important cause for the increase in delinquency IS A LET DOWN IN HOME IDEALS . . . The home is the best place in the world to teach the highest ideal in the social and political life of man; namely, perfect liberty of action so long as you do not trespass upon the rights and privileges of another. The great need in the home today is more religion. Parents should make it obvious, both by their actions and their conversations, that they are seriously interested in the fruits of true religion. Next to the home, the Church should be a dominant force in safeguarding our youth.

THERE IS A POTENT POWER IN LIFE THAT WILL SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS, AND THAT POTENT POWER IS RELIGION!

Moral Integrity

Spiritual development and moral integrity are fundamental in the lives of all who would build a community that will contribute to the safety and advancement of our Republic or of any other nation.

President Calvin Coolidge truly said:

"The government of a country never gets ahead of the religion of a country. There is no way by which we can substitute authority of law for the virtue of man. Of course, we can help to restrain the vicious and furnish a fair degree of security and protection by legislation and police control, but the real reforms which society in these days is seeking will come as a result of our religious convictions or they will not come at all.

"Peace, justice, humanity, charity—these cannot be legislated into being."

The principles of the Gospel are the surest and safest guide to mortal man. Christ is the Light to humanity! When this Light is rejected, the soul of man stumbles in darkness. No person, no group, no nation can achieve true success without following Him who said: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life." (John 8:12)

I say to the Youth of this Church, and to all people everywhere, God exists, He is near. Have faith in Him; seek Him diligently, and He will reward your efforts. Submit yourselves to Him and to His environment, that you may have that testimony that comes from within. Such is your privilege. Such a feeling and testimony you may obtain if you but seek Him diligently. Live clean upright lives, and devote yourselves not to self, but to the life and happiness of others.

Poetry Winners Announced

★ The Millennial Star herewith announces the winners in the recent original Poetry Writing Contest. The Editorial Staff desires to express appreciation to all who entered the contest and to the panel of judges for their consideration of the entries.

Winner of the contest is Mrs. Karen B. Bateman, Hyde Park Ward, London Stake, with her poem, "Birth".

Second place was given to the poem "Life's Purpose" submitted by Elder M. L. Banfield, Hull, Yorkshire.

"The Deadliest Weapon of All" written by Ann Stoner, age 16, Camberwell, S.E.5., was judged third place.

Two poems tied for fourth place, "A Flower in the Gutter" by A. W. Tennyson, Brighton and "The Pattern Makers" entered by Sis. Veronica G. Slyman, Moorstown, Leeds, Yorkshire.

These and other entries of merit will be published in the Millennial Star as opportunities occur

(Winners in the short story contest will be announced in the January issue of The Millennial Star.)

BIRTH

By Mrs. Karen B. Bateman

She lay upon white, chlorine-scented sheets,
And wrought a miracle.
As mighty as the roaring white-crested waves,
Which parted space for the Israelites.
As enduring as infinity.

The crystal beads formed metric patterns,
Across the furrows of her brow.
Slender, tightly drawn lips testify,
Of her determination.
Before her pass tear-dimmed experiences,
Of loved ones, sorrows, expectations.

Then all is supplanted by work,
Sheer physical work
As tenuous as steel beams,
Which heave and thrust their great authority,
To support the edifice.

She feels as if all space and substance,
Were centered on her volcanic soul.
Then as if God stopped and gathered her
In his immense arms,
She feels enveloped in his peace.
She feels the tiny hand in hers,
Then she sleeps.

President Tanner Says 'Make Christianity Real'

By President N. Eldon Tanner

Second Counselor in the First Presidency

Address at the Saturday morning Conference

★ The only clear and sure solution to our many problems in this troubled, confused world today, is to make our professed Christianity real, to make it personal, apply it in our lives, accept Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and as there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved." (Acts 4:1-2).

How uplifting and dignifying it is to know that we are truly the spirit children of God, made in His image; that He and Jesus Christ are personal gods, and that they are interested in us, and that . . . "God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believed in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)

With all the irrefutable testimonies of the prophets regarding the Gospel truths, why is it so difficult for man to accept and endure sound doctrine, which is so important to all of us? Some of the reasons are evident.

Satan's influence on mankind . . . Satan was cast down, "and he became Satan, yea, even the devil, the father of all lies, to deceive and to blind men and to lead them captive at his will, even

as many as would not hearken unto my voice." (Moses 4:3-4.)

False Teachings

Communists, anti-Christ, and the promoters of the God-is-dead theory, as well as the skeptics and some who style themselves, as religious leaders, are actively engaged in teaching false doctrine and in using every hostile means to break down and destroy a belief in God and in the scriptures, thereby fulfilling the prophecy of Jesus Christ when He said;

"For there shall rise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders: insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt. 24:24.)

Also many . . . because of their worldly learning feel that if they cannot prove physically, mathematically, or scientifically that God lives, they can and should feel free to question and even to deny God and Jesus Christ. Then many of our professors begin to teach perverse things, to lead away disciples after them, and our youth whom we send to them for learning accept them as authority, and many

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are caused to lose their faith in God.

I cannot understand a scientist of pseudo intellectual, or anyone who should be searching for the truth, having the temerity to place himself as authority in religion to the point that he would challenge, let alone deny, the teachings of God the Eternal Father, the Creator of the world, and of His Son, Jesus Christ, because he cannot prove it scientifically.

Accept Simple Truths

How much wiser and better it is for man to accept the simple truths of the Gospel and to accept as authority God, the Creator of the world, and His Son Jesus Christ, and accept by faith those things which he cannot disprove, and for which he cannot give a better explanation. He must be prepared to acknowledge that there are certain things—many, many things—that he cannot understand.

How can we deny or even disbelieve God when we cannot understand even the simplest things around us—how the leaf functions, what electricity is, what our emotions are, when the spirit enters the body, and what happens to it when we leave? How can we say that because we do not understand the resurrection there is or cannot be a resurrection?

We are admonished to "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Prov. 3:5.)

Teach Belief In God

Parents, we must not become so engrossed with worldly matters that we fail to teach our children the doctrines of salvation, both by example and by precept. We must teach them a belief in God, that His Son, Jesus Christ, is the Saviour of the world, who gave His life that we might be resurrected.

How many families today meet in family prayer, or teach their children to pray privately to a personal God who will hear and answer their prayers, and teach them the importance of loving their fellowmen?

What a great world this would be to live in if all parents would hold a weekly family Home Evening and would teach their children the word of the Lord. Just accepting and living what He called the "great commandment in the law" would create a heaven on earth wherein all could dwell in peace and happiness.

If we loved our fellow men we would not steal, we would not kill, we would not commit adultery, we would not bear false witness or do any of those things which would be determinental to our neighbour.

LIFE'S PURPOSE

Second Place Winner in Poetry Contest

As you tread your path through life, what is it that you seek?
To mix with mighty, noble ones or mingle with the meek?
In this life what is your purpose? When you answer I say then
Follow this up with "and what then?" and again, again, again. . .

When you've finished, is the outcome in the graveyard 'neath the sod?
Or in everlasting glory with our Heavenly Father, God?
Joy is not achieved by going your own self-willed sweet way,
But by finding what God's will is and learning to obey.

Do you have the proper concept of the plan God has for you,
Would you like to know for certain and be positive it's true?
You can listen to the teachings of every single sect
But then how can you tell which one is perfectly correct?

Men may grandly try to tell you in a most impressive tone
Yet you must not believe them for all roads don't lead to Rome.
But of all the things you can hear, what is it you want then?
Simple truths from God's authorities or doctrines of mere men?

I commend to you the teachings of the Church which firmly states,
It has a prophet and apostles and that God communicates
With his children and he's given us his precious gospel plan,
And he says "You be like me, every woman, every man."

It has all the saving teachings as the Church in former days
And is guided by a prophet who teaches us God's ways.
Of all the pearls of knowledge I cherish this the most,
If you will pray, you too can know through God the Holy Ghost.

These things are true and God requires that every one comply
With the gospel plan he gave us, so can you justify
Not living now the laws he's given which are only for our good?
When judgements come on holy ground will you be safely stood?

If you won't live the gospel now, I tell you sister, brother,
The things God has prepared for you will be given to another.
You should have known much better, this life was just a little while,
And old Satan, with malignant glee, says with an evil smile,

"The web that I wove for you, with which I took great pains,
You let yourself walk into and now you're in Hell's chains."
Thus summing up, true happiness for all mankind—and you,
Is heeding what God's prophet tells us God would have us do.

(By M. L. Banfield, 188 Victoria Avenue, Hull Yorkshire)

President Smith Says: Gospel Is Power Unto Salvation

By President Joseph Fielding Smith
Counselor in the First Presidency

At the Sunday morning Conference session.

★ Our mission is to save, to preserve from evil, to exalt mankind, to bring light and truth into the world, to prevail upon the people of the earth to walk uprightly before God, and to Honour Him in their lives and with the first fruits of all their substance and increase.

"Mormonism," as it is called, is still as always, nothing more nor less than the power of God unto salvation, unto every soul that will receive it honestly and will obey it.

Latter-day Saints are people who stand for truth, honour, virtue, purity of life, honesty in business and in religion; who stand for God and His righteousness, His truth, His work in the earth and for the salvation of the children of men.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the power of God unto salvation, and it is absolutely necessary for every man and Woman in the Church to work righteously, to observe the laws of God, and keep the commandments that He has given, in order that they may avail themselves of the power of God unto salvation in this life.

The fruits of the Spirit of God—the fruits of true religion—are peace, love, virtue, honesty, integrity, and fidelity to every principle known in the law of

the Lord. Read the 5th chapter of Galatians, and there you will discover the difference between the fruits of the Spirit of God and fruits of the world.

Mormon Difference

That is one of the great differences between Mormonism and the theology of the world. If we will bow to its mandates and adopt its principles in our lives, it will make us sons and daughters of God, worthy eventually to dwell in the presence of the Almighty in the heavens.

The Kingdom of God is here to grow, to spread abroad, to take root in the earth and to abide where the Lord has planted it by His own power and by His own word, never more to be destroyed but to continue until the purposes of the Almighty shall be accomplished, every principle that has been spoken of by the prophets since the world began.

The Lord Almighty is the Creator of the earth; He is the Father of all our spirits, He has the right to dictate what we should do, and it is our duty to obey, and to walk according to His requirements.

We ask no odds of any man. We bear a fearless testimony that these things are true. We know that the one in

whom we trust is God, for it has been revealed to us. We are not in the dark, neither have we obtained our knowledge from any man, or collection of men, but through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

This We Want

The Gospel is salvation, and without it there is nothing worth having. This is what we are after. The reason that we are here is that we may overcome every folly and prepare ourselves for eternal life in the future.

Let us be faithful and humble; let us live the religion of Jesus Christ; put away the weaknesses of the flesh, and cleave to the Lord and His truth with undivided hearts, with full determination to fight the good fight of faith and continue steadfast to the end.



President Smith

Council Of Women Honour Two LDS Leaders

★ Sister Belle S. Spafford, general president of the Relief Society and Sister Florence S. Jacobsen, general president of the Young Women's Mutual Improvement Association, were honoured recently by the National Council of Women.

Sis. Spafford was elected president of the Council, the first member of the Church to be so honoured. She will serve a two-year term, during which she will visit many cities and states, reviewing the work of the National Council and as she also fulfills her Relief Society assignments to the various stakes.

Previously she served as second and third vice-president on the board of the NC of Women and more recently as chairman of the Constitutional Review Committee.

This is the first time a National Council president has resided beyond New York City.

Sis. Jacobsen was awarded the "Woman of Conscience" honour by the National Council of Women, an affiliate of the International Council of Women. Sis. Jacobsen was honoured for her service to youth and for her work in recreation. She was nominated for the award by Sis. Spafford.

Destiny Of America Outlined By President Dyer

By President Alvin R. Dyer
Counselor in the First Presidency

At the Sunday morning Conference session

★ I have a firm conviction that the true destiny of America is religious, not political; spiritual, not physical.

Much has been said by many of its founding. The Prophet Joseph Smith himself declared its Constitution to be heavenly inspired and because of this we pray for its purposeful continuity.

But noble and great as are the political phases of its establishment, its real significance lies in its spiritual purpose, for which it was truly founded. I have chosen two of these spiritual and therefore God-purposed reasons for reference:

First: America was founded to fulfill a covenant which God made with the Patriarchal ancestors of the House of Israel. The Lord, speaking unto a remnant of this House who had inhabited this land had this to say:

"For it is wisdom in the Father that they should be established in this land, and be set up as a free people by the power of the Father, that these things might come forth from them unto a remnant of your seed, that the covenant of the Father may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted with his people, O house of Israel." (III Nephi 21:4)

Quotes Revelation

Secondly: America, and its Constitution, were founded to preserve unto



President Dyer

mankind the God-given right of moral agency. I quote from a revelation given to Joseph Smith on this subject:

"According to the laws and constitutions of the people, which I have suffered to be established, and should be maintained for the rights and protection of all flesh, according to just and holy principles;

"That every man may act in doctrine and principle pertaining to futurity, ac-

cording to the moral agency which I have given unto him, that every man may be accountable for his own sins in the day of judgment.

"Therefore, it is not right that any man should be in bondage one to another.

"And for this purpose have I established the Constitution of this land, by the hands of wise men whom I raised up unto this very purpose, and redeemed the land by the shedding of blood." (D&C 101:77-80.)

Migrated 2,300 B.C.

According to the Book of Mormon, the Jaredites began their migration to this land at the time when the great Tower of Babel was under construction. This occurred in about the year 2300 B.C. At this time the language of the people was confused.

This tower has been identified in our modern time at a place called Hillah in modern Iraq, southwest of the city of Baghdad, on the east bank of the Euphrates River.

Here is found a ruin known as Birs Nimrud, standing like a watchtower on a vast plain. Inscriptions on the pyramid-shaped ruins were found by Rawlinson to bear the name of "The Temple of the Seven Planets." This ruin is supposed to be what is left of the Tower of Babel.

In the course of the travels of the Jaredites, first northward into the valley of Nimrod and then, after crossing many lakes and rivers, eventually reaching the great sea which separated the continents, they established a community named Moriancumr, after their leader the brother of Jared. (Ether 2: 1-6)

Land of Promise

We learn that the Lord gave instruc-

tions to the brother of Jared for the building of submersible barges that would enable his colony to cross the great waters in a land of promise, concerning which Moriancumr wrote:

"And now, we can behold the decrees of God concerning this land, that it is a land of promise; and whatsoever nation shall possess it shall serve God, or they shall be swept off when the fulness of his wrath shall come upon them. And the fulness of his wrath cometh upon them when they are ripened in iniquity.

"For behold, this is a land which is choice above all other lands; wherefore he that doth possess it shall serve God or shall be swept off; for it is the everlasting decree of God." (Ether 2: 9,10)

About 1600 years later, or 600 B.C. a prophet by the name of Lehi with his family left doomed Jerusalem as the Lord had directed him. Lehi and his colony, as with the Jaredites many centuries before, were to be led to the promised land. Speaking unto Nephi the son of Lehi while they were yet in the wilderness prior to their embarkation, the Lord said this was a land of promise, a land which He had prepared for these people, "yea, a land which is choice above all other lands." (1 Nephi 2:20)

Nephi later declared that his people had obtained this "land of promise, a land which is choice above all other lands, a land which the Lord God hath covenanted with me should be a land for the inheritance of my seed. Yea, the Lord hath covenanted this land unto me, and to my children forever, and also all those who should be led

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out of other countries by the hand of the Lord." (II Nephi 1:5)

Land of Inheritance

In III Nephi 20: 13, 14, 22) the Lord declares he shall gather his seed in from their long dispersion and establish again among them his Zion. He designed the land of America as the land of inheritances unto those who are of the House of Israel from throughout the earth, fulfilling the covenant which He made with their father Jacob; and it shall be a New Jerusalem.

Thus from these and other brief accounts we see the reasons why America, or the Continent of America, is the promised land choice above all other lands, for it was here that the inhabitation of man began, and here where covenants were first established.

While the reformation and the surge for freedom was gaining momentum in Europe and England, events were transpiring leading to the rediscovery of the land of America, for God touched the heart of a mariner by the name of Christopher Columbus, who eventually pioneered a passageway to the promised land in 1492.

But Columbus, the Nephites, or the Jaredites were not its original discoverer, nor did they establish the purpose of America's destiny. This had already been established in the infancy of earth's habitation. In these migrations

they were but directed to the land of man's beginning upon the earth.

Visited Other Sheep

We have learned that following His earth-life ministry among the Jews, visiting the sheep of another fold here in the land of America and establishing the Church among the people, the resurrected Christ tells of the founding of America and the coming forth again, of the Gospel unto the remnant of the seed of those then occupying this land, and unto all of the children of God which was to follow a period of spiritual darkness upon the earth.

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America as Zion will not fail, since America is the land choice above all other lands, and it is the "Centre Place" that Zion will be established. America as Zion will not fail, not simply because it is the land of our illustrious independence and constitutional fathers, but because it is the land of Joseph, the son of Jacob and has been so established by God's Covenant. It is the land for the gathering of Israel in the culminating period of the last dispensation which God has established through the Prophet Joseph Smith.



A Prophet "Great Like Unto Moses"

By Elder Milton R. Hunter

Of the First Council of the Seventy

At the Friday morning session of Conference

★ The Prophet Joseph Smith fits in every detail the prophecy made anciently by Joseph of Egypt that in the latter days God would raise up a great prophet, seer, and revelator.

He said this prophet and seer would perform a great and marvelous work for the salvation of the human family. His name would be Joseph and his father's name would be Joseph. He would "be mighty among the people and would . . . do much good both in word and in deed, being an instrument in the hands of God, with exceeding faith to work mighty wonders, and do that which is great in the sight of God." (2 Nephi 3:6-24) He would "be great like unto Moses." (Ibid. 3:9)

Joseph Smith was God's holy anointed prophet, seer, and revelator through heaven and the true Church of Jesus Christ established in the latter days in fulfillment of the predictions made by many of the ancient prophets.

In every respect Joseph Smith was God's prophet, seer and revelator who

was "great like unto Moses." A seer has the power to look through the veil and see visions.

Visited By God, Jesus

No personal visitation to mortal man of God the Father and His Only Begotten Son has been recorded in any holy scripture which equals the marvelous experience had by Joseph Smith, the Seer. In response to his prayer in the Sacred Grove in the spring of 1820, Joseph was visited by God the Eternal Father and Jesus Christ the Son.

Also, on other occasions during his life, Joseph Smith had the unusual privilege of seeing Jesus Christ. For example, on Feb. 16, 1832, regarding Sidney Rigdon and himself, Joseph wrote:

" . . . the Lord touched the eyes of our understanding and they were opened"

"And we beheld the glory of the Son, on the right hand of the Father"

"And saw the holy angels, and them who are sanctified before His throne,

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Elder Hunter

worshipping God, and the Lamb, who worship him forever and ever.

"And now after the many testimonies which have been given of him, this is the testimony, last of all, which we give of him. That he lives!

"That by him, and through him, and of him, the worlds are and were created, and the inhabitants thereof begotten sons and daughters unto God." (D&C 76:19-24)

Seer Like Unto Moses

These personal experiences had by the Prophet Joseph Smith definitely illustrate the fact that he was indeed a seer "great like unto Moses," because Joseph saw God and talked with him face to face as one man talks with another even as did Moses.

The Prophet Joseph Smith was also visited on numerous occasions by heavenly messengers other than God, such as the Angel Moroni; by John the Baptist; by Peter, James, and John; by Moses, Elias, and Elijah, as well as by Gabriel, Rafael, and Michael. (See Pearl

of Great Price, p. 51; D&C 13: 110:11-16; 128: 20-21.)

These heavenly messengers bestowed upon the Prophet divine powers, keys, authority, and priesthood, and gave him various instructions requisite to establishing the true Gospel and Church of Jesus Christ on earth again. Thus, there was a "... restitution of all things (to the Prophet Joseph Smith) which God hath spoken by the mouth of his holy prophets since the world began." (Acts 3:21.)

3 Volumes Of Scripture

The Prophet Joseph Smith produced for the world three new volumes of holy scriptures namely; The Book of Mormon, The Doctrine and Covenants, and The Pearl of Great Price—No prophet who has ever lived has accomplished such a tremendous feat. There are only 177 pages in the Old Testament attributed to Moses while Joseph Smith either translated through the gift and power of God or received as direct revelation from Joseph 835 similar size pages of holy scriptures. Joseph's accomplishments stand superb among prophets as a proclaimer of the will and word of the Lord.

Perhaps paramount of his accomplishments was that "through the gift and power of God and the Urim and Thummim" he translated the Book of Mormon into modern English from an ancient unknown language called Reformed Egyptian.

It is of significance to remember that Jesus Christ restored His true Gospel and Church on the earth again through the Prophet Joseph Smith.

The Doctrine & Covenants states (D &C 135:3) "Joseph Smith, the Prophet and Seer of the Lord, has done more, save Jesus only, for the salvation of men in this world, than any other man that ever lived in it."

What Will The Harvest Be

By Presiding Bishop John H. Vandenberg



Bishop Vandenberg

★ The goodness of our Father in Heaven is especially evident at this season as we again witness another great harvest.

It is important to realise that we make our "garden" or, in this case our life just what it is.

It has been said that "man has two creators, his God and himself. The first creator furnishes him the raw materials for his life. . . The second creator—himself—has marvelous powers he rarely realizes. It is what a man makes of himself that counts." (William George Jordan.)

No factor in life is more vital to living than the realization that you and I are, in the final analysis, our own creators. This principle is often referred to as the "Law of the Harvest. . ." whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7.)

Each year as the farmer surveys his land, plans his field, organizes his work, he contemplates having a rich harvest. So should it be in our personal lives and especially so with those who have called to serve as spiritual leaders. I do not know whether the impact of the wisdom of President McKay's counsel to the stake presidents and bishops has found its mark as yet. He said:

"The spirituality of a ward will be commensurate with the activity of the youth in that ward. The president of the priests quorum is the bishop, by ordination, and it is his duty to have the confidence of these young men and girls of corresponding ages, for they will mold the moral atmosphere of his ward."

Utilise Programmes

As with all programmes and directions given by our Church leaders we can only harvest the benefits by utilizing

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the various inspired programmes. One way to involve the youth is through the Bishop's Youth Activity Committee, which is outlined in the Aaronic Priesthood Youth Handbook.

An example of the harvest reaped by a bishop who is taking up the cause and is involving the young men and young women of his ward is one reported to the Presiding Bishopric by the young men and young women who are participating in this experience, saying:

"Bishop, this is what we want to do.

"1—Under your direction we would like to take a programme to the home-bound members of our ward.

"2—With your permission, we would also like to present the programme in Sacrament meeting each fifth Sunday; and with your help we'd like to plan the first programme around the theme of obedience.

"3—For Christmas we'd like to repair toys and make cakes for some of the less fortunate members of our ward.

"4—We'd also like to clear the weeds away from the intersections in the neighbourhood."

With them it is no longer a programme in which they wait for the adults to plan for them. With proper guidance, they are performing above and beyond what is generally expected of them.

Way Youth Grows

The Aaronic Priesthood-Youth (Activity) Committee in the Church is organised to give the youth responsibility in planning and executing their own activities. With this responsibility will come a growth, that will prepare every young Latter-day Saint boy to hold with dignity, honour, and worthiness the Holy Melchizedek Priesthood.

"There's one difference between us and any other youth organisation. We do things the Lord's way and not the

way we think is best. Our Saviour tells us that our Father's house is a house of order, and the priesthood is the way His house is ordered." . . .

As we involve the youth in meaningful responsibilities, they will rise to meet the challenge. Today's youth need specific guidance because of our complex society which offers many alternatives for both excellence and mediocrity. They must catch the vision and requirement of an abundant harvest in their own lives.

The "Law of the Harvest" will bring blessings and joy to those who sow and cultivate seeds of righteousness. The Lord has declared that "There is a law, irrevocably decreed in heaven before the foundation of this world, upon which all blessings are predicated.

By Obedience

"And when we obtain any blessing from God, it is by obedience to that law upon which it is predicated." (D&C 130:20-21).

The planting of the seeds of His Gospel have brought hope, peace, and the opportunity for exaltation. . . .

It is the culmination of our day-to-day decisions and actions which determine whether we will reap a harvest of peace in this life and life eternal, or unhappiness. . . .

We are, in a very real way, our own creators. We reap that which we have sown, and we receive our wages of ". . . eternal happiness or eternal misery, according to the spirit which (we) listened to obey, whether it be a good spirit or a bad one. For every man receiveth wages of him whom he listened to obey." (Alma 3:26-27)

May we sow only righteousness, while continuing to rid our lives of the weeds of evil, I pray.

Prediction Of Saviour's Birth As Recorded In The Book Of Mormon

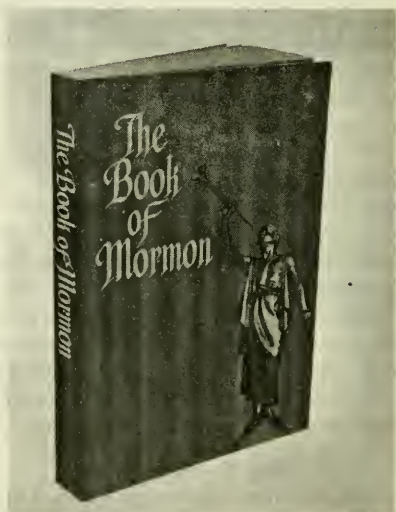
★ This Christmas season reacquaint your family with the nativity story. To give it new depth and meaning read and study the prediction of the Saviour's birth contained in the Book of Mormon, Book of Helaman, Chapter 14, verses 3 through 9.

"And behold, this will I give unto you for a sign at the time of his coming: for behold, there shall be great lights in heaven, insomuch that in the night before he cometh there shall be no darkness, insomuch that it shall appear unto man as if it was day.

"Therefore, there shall be one day and a night and a day, as if it were one day and there were no night; and this shall be unto you for a sign; for ye shall know of the rising of the sun and also of its setting; therefore they shall know of a surety that there shall be two days and a night; nevertheless the night shall not be darkened; and it shall be the night before he is born.

"And behold, there shall a new star arise, such an one as ye never have beheld; and this also shall be a sign unto you.

"And behold this is not all, there shall be many signs and wonders in heaven.



"And it shall come to pass that ye shall all be amazed, and wonder, insomuch that ye shall fall to the earth.

"And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall believe on the Son of God, the same shall have everlasting life.

"And behold, thus hath the Lord commanded me, by his angel, that I should come and tell this thing unto you; yea, he hath commanded that I should pro-

phesy these things unto you; yea he hath said unto me; Cry unto this people, repent and prepare the way of the Lord . . ."

Next we suggest you read from Third Nephi, The Book of Nephi, Chapter 1, beginning with verse 4 wherein Helaman, the son of Helaman, tells of the murmurings of the people that the prophecies of the prophets were not being fulfilled relating to the birth of the Saviour.

"And they began to rejoice over their brethren, saying: Behold the time is past, and the words of Samuel are not fulfilled; therefore, your joy and your faith concerning this thing hath been vain. . .

"Now it came to pass that there was a day set apart by the unbelievers, that all those who believed in those traditions should be put to death except the sign should come to pass, which had been given by Samuel the prophet.

"Now it came to pass that when Nephi, the son of Nephi, saw this wickedness of his people, his heart was exceedingly sorrowful.

"And it came to pass that he went out and bowed himself down upon the earth, and cried mightily to his God in behalf of his people, yea, those who were about to be destroyed because of their faith in the tradition of their fathers.

"And it came to pass that he cried mightily unto the Lord, all the day and behold, the voice of the Lord came unto him, saying:

"Lift up your head and be of good cheer; for behold, the time is at hand, and on this night shall the sign be given, and on the morrow come I into the world, to fulfil all that which I have caused to be spoken by the mouth of my holy prophets.

"Behold, I come unto my own, to ful-

fil all things which I have made known unto the children of men from the foundation of the world, and to do the will, both of the Father and of the Son of the Father because of me, and of the Son because of my flesh. And behold, the time is at hand, and this night shall the sign be given.

"And it came to pass that the words which came unto Nephi were fulfilled, according as they had been spoken; for behold, at the going down of the sun there was no darkness; and the people began to be astonished because there was no darkness when the night came.

"And there were many, who had not believed the words of the prophets, who fell to the earth and became as if they were dead, for they knew that the great plan of destruction which they had laid for those who believed in the words of the prophets had been frustrated; for the signal which had been given was already at hand. . .

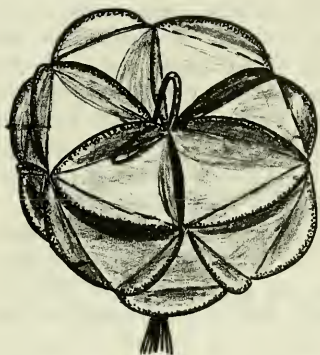
"And it had come to pass, yea, all things, every whit, according to the words of the prophets.

"And it came to pass also that a new star did appear, according to the word.

"And it came to pass that from this time forth there began to be lyings sent forth among the people, by Satan, to harden their hearts, to the intent that they might not believe in those signs and wonders which they had seen; but notwithstanding these lyings and deceivings the more part of the people did believe, and were converted unto the Lord."

"And it came to pass that Nephi went forth among the people, and also many others, baptising unto repentance in which there was a great remission of sins. And thus the people began again to have peace in the land."

Gifts And



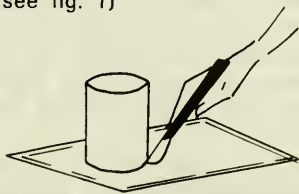
A CHRISTMAS LANTERN

By Keith and Jean Sorenson

Materials needed:

1. 12 to 24 old Christmas cards (stiff paper is desirable)
2. White glue and scissors
3. Glitter (gold, silver or mixed)
4. About 8 inches of narrow ($\frac{1}{4}$ in.) ribbon
5. A tassel (not absolutely necessary)

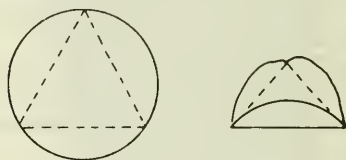
The first step is to cut 24 circular discs from the Christmas cards. These should be about 3 in. in diameter and cut from the prettiest sections of the cards. Some cards yield two or more discs. A good tool for outlining the discs is a food tin approximately 3 in. in diameter. Whatever you use make sure all discs are cut the same size. (see fig. 1)



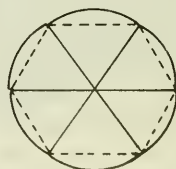
The next step is to place discs with decorated side up and fold three sides inward making a triangle. As much care as possible should be taken in

making these folds to insure they are equal to each other. a good tool is a triangle cut from aluminium sheeting to assist in folding the edges over. When all discs have been folded we are ready to assemble.

(see fig. 2)



Start by glueing six discs together as illustrated: (see fig. 3)

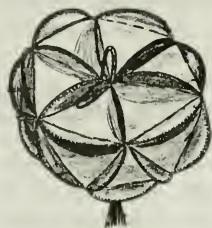


Note: Before all six discs are glued in place, loop about six inches of ribbon in the centre so that it extends about three inches upward.

(see fig. 4)



Decorations



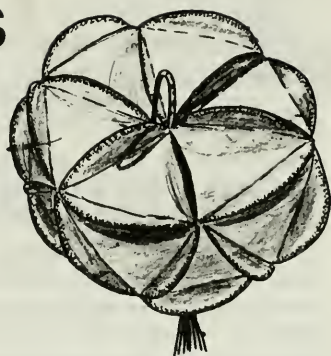
The bottom is accomplished exactly like the top except the loop of ribbon extending down is very short (almost unseen). This will be used for hanging a tassel if so desired.

When the top and bottom are complete, all that remains is the centre. This is a simple matter of glueing 12 discs together as illustrated: (see fig. 5)



When the 12 discs are joined in a string, glue the two end pieces together forming a circle. You can now join this section with the top by glueing all six edges at once, then repeating for the bottom.

To dress up the lantern, we apply a strip of glue to all edges and pour glitter to the wet areas. Best results are obtained by glueing and glittering no more than two disc sections at one time. If desired a tassel or other ornament can be suspended from the bottom loop.



CHRISTMAS APRON

★ A gay paper apron for a busy hostess can be easily made. It is practical and attractive. It makes an inexpensive, but useful gift.

Directions:

1. Lay six paper napkins evenly one on top of the other.
2. On top of this, place a doilly or a fancy Christmas napkin.
3. On the top edge lay this poem.

I'm a new fangles gadget
It's plain to be seen
That my primary purpose
Is to keep your dress clean
Tie me snug round your waist
And I'm ready for use.

If you stir up a cake
Or stuff a fat goose
And should smudges appear
On my surface so fair
Just tear off a sheet
I'm layer upon layer.

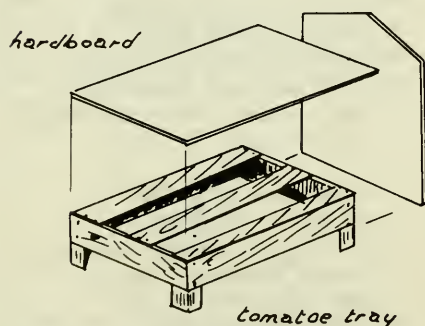
4. Bind the top edge with bright Christmas ribbon.

A DOLLIE'S BED

★ Many people still like to make their own Christmas presents and here are two quickly made, inexpensive, but acceptable gifts for little girls.

Santa will no doubt be asked for a good many dollie's beds. This modern bed can be made in an afternoon.

First ask your greengrocer for a Wooden tomato tray. See that it is free from nails, staples and rough patches, then turn it upside down so that it is like a table on four legs. This is the base of the bed, cover it with contact or one of the other stick-on materials. Next take a piece of wood or hardboard, the same width as the bed, and approximately 9" high. Cover this with a piece of material, and using upholsterer's tacks, nail this board to one end of the base, for the headboard. Drive the tacks into the legs and make sure that no points are protruding through. A piece of fancy braid tacked along the top of the headboard adds a professional touch, paint the legs the same colour as the contact.

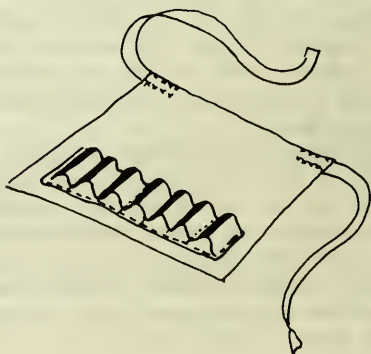


Now all that is needed to complete the bed is a pillow and a quilt, about

half a yard of any gay material will do. Make the pillow 3 inches wide and edge it with lace. For the quilt, measure the width of the bed and the length up to the pillow, cut two pieces of material to this size, allowing half an inch for seams and turning. Place a piece of cotton wool, or tailors wadding in between the material, stitch together on the wrong side, leave one end open, and turn to the right side. Add a few rows of stitching across the top to give a quilted effect. Now add a two inch frill on three sides only. The bed is now complete and ready to delight the lucky little girl who receives it.

A CRAYON APRON

Another quickie is a crayon apron. Using any apron pattern, simply add a contrasting strip of material two inches wide, across the bottom. Stitch it down at the sides and the bottom, then divide it into equal sections, just wide enough to take a crayon. Stitch down these sections leaving the top open. When the apron is finished, pop the crayons into their pockets and add a colouring book for good measure. Busy mothers usually appreciate this gift as well as the children.





Glasgow Stake Reorganised

★ David Moore Porch of GLASGOW was appointed Stake President when Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve, and Elder John Longdon, Assistant to the Twelve, reorganised the GLASGOW Stake. He succeeds Archibald R. Richardson who has been called as an aide to Pres. Egbert J. Brown of the Scottish Mission.

Pres. Porch was converted to the Church sixteen years ago, and prior to his call to preside over the stake he was first counselor in the stake presidency and stake patriarch. In his Church experience he has also served as president of the Paisley Branch. He

and his wife Mary have five children, three boys and two girls.

Arthur F. Herbertson and Delmont H. White were selected as counselors. Pres. Herbertson was born into the Church and has previously served as second counselor in the stake presidency, also as bishop of the Springburn Ward, president of the Milton Branch and counselor in the Glasgow Branch presidency. He and his wife Dinah are also the parents of five children, three boys and two girls.

Pres. White is from Salt Lake City, Utah, and has only been in Scotland for a short period. His prior Church



Glasgow Stake presidency, from left, Arthur Herbertson, first counselor; Pres. David Porch and Delmont H. White, second counselor.

experience includes president of the Central Atlantic States Mission, counselor in the Fresno Stake presidency, counselor in the Western States Mission presidency and bishop of the Denver First Ward. He is married to Ruby Lykins of Salt Lake City and they have one daughter and six grandchildren.

Samuel McKim was called as patriarch of the Glasgow Stake. He was born September 23rd, 1933 and baptised January 16th, 1963. Since he became a member of the Church he has served as ward clerk, counselor in a bishopric, high councilman, counselor in the stake presidency and was serving as bishop of the Springburn Ward when he received this present call. Elder McKim and his wife Agnes also have five children, two boys and three girls.

★ The sisters of the Stake Relief Society held an Arts and Crafts Festival in the DRUMCHAPEL Cultural Hall on a recent Saturday. In the afternoon there was a display of work from the various wards and branches which included china painting, photography, embroidery, needlework, painting, modelling and table lamps. During the evening sisters from Drumchapel, Dumbarton, Glasgow and Pollock entertained their families and friends with songs and sketches. Prizes for the stake poem and short story contest were presented to the following:

Poetry Contest winners; 1st Eleanor Black, Bellahouston; 2nd, Jean MacDonald, Bellahouston; 3rd, Kay Nelson, Springburn.

Barbara Heede won the story section. Her entry was entitled "A boy called Hamish".

Work Counselor Mary Porch was in charge of the refreshments which ended an enjoyable day.



S. H. McKim, Glasgow Stake patriarch.

IRISH MISSION

★ An enthusiastic audience which overflowed the Holywood Road Cultural Hall, loudly proclaimed the musical "All in Favour", the best ever in the IRISH Mission.

The play was produced by the BELFAST District M.I.A. under the direction of the Youth Activity Committee and the action revolved around the activities of various families in a typical branch. The characters were so well portrayed that there was a great empathy between the cast and audience, many tears were shed in the sad scenes and laughter enjoyed during the happy incidents. At the end of the evening the voting was unanimous and everyone was "All in Favour of Happiness".



Sarah McDowell and Alexander Mateer from Mountpottinger Branch.



Members of Belfast District cast in "All In Favour"

SCOTTISH MISSION

★ The saints of the Edinburgh District had the opportunity of displaying or appraising the talents of the Mutual in their recent Roadshow Festival. Although only two branches took part this did not slacken the feeling of competition. The MUSSLEBURGH group aimed at the more serious, though certainly not solemn, target of the Family Home evening to the given theme of "It's a square world". Every branch should make full use of the opportunities and talents available and as a small branch Musselburgh did just that, and showed that it's not what your resources are but how you use them that counts. EDINBURGH'S presentation was also very good with picturesque as well as apt scenery, a combination not often in evidence. Their subject was the squarest of worlds, a prison cell!

SUNDERLAND STAKE

★ A Harvest Time Dinner was organi-

sed by the HARTLEPOOL Sunday School on Sept. 21st, the hall was decorated by Sisters Laurie and Gardner, with a scarecrow, harvest moon, flowers and wheat. Thirty-two people attended and enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, but the highlight of the evening was a dance act entitled "Old MacDonald Had a Farm" performed by William Howe, Bishop James Laurie, Gordon Laurie, Bro. and Sis. Harry Talbot and John Davidson.

The Relief Society held their opening social on 24th Sept., and after the lesson previews a meal was served. This had been prepared by their Pres Mary Barratt and her counselors Shirly Howe and Doreen Talbot. Forty people attended and they were entertained by Doris Laurie, May Gardner, Linda Goddard, Anne Laurie and Sally Davison.

★ NORTH SHIELDS Branch held a Farewell party for Robert Blanchard before



Robert Blanchard.

he left to attend Trent Park College. Robert has a fine record in the branch, he loves music and was branch chorister and stake youth chorister; he has a particularly joyous way of conducting the singing.

★ Once again the NEWCASTLE Ward visited Lake Windermere for their annual outing. The Autumn weather was not very kind to them and almost everyone had a soaking, but they made the most of it and played games between the showers; boating also proved a popular pastime.

Recently the M.I.A. leaders invited Miss Metcalf, a youth organiser of the Newcastle Education Dept; to visit the ward. After a tour of the building, a long discussion took place regarding affiliation to the Education Authorities. Miss Metcalf was greatly impressed by the building and the M.I.A. programme.

Within a month four ward members celebrated their 21st birthdays. They were Bill Maudlin, Margaret and Pat Selkirk, and Norman Myers who celebrated with a party in the Cultural Hall. Over 100 members and friends attended to wish him well and presented him with a camera.

★ The missionaries in the NEWCASTLE area were brave enough to accept a challenge from the local Elders to a

game of basket ball on Oct 11th, and the missionaries just scraped home with 132-36 ! ! !

★ The "Young Marrieds" of the NEWTON AYCLIFFE Ward held a Pioneer Supper and Dance on Oct. 5th. It was a joy to see everyone in the appropriate dress, and M.I.A. maids serving pies and peas from a chuck wagon. The party was organised by Bro. and Sis. Jackson, and they made sure that everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable time.

BRITISH SOUTH MISSION

★ On Sept. 28th, the Mission held it's annual Music, Arts and Crafts Festival. The Music Festival was under the direction of Frank E. Clifford, Mission Music Director, and it commenced at 10.00 a.m. and continued until 5.00 p.m. with a short lunch break, there were over 80 participants. A fine tea was prepared by the Thames Valley District M.I.A. workers and sold to the participants in aid of the transportation fund for the coming Youth Convention.

Following tea, a concert was held featuring many of the winners from the competition, which was attended by over 300 saints from all over the mission. The concluding number was performed by the Thames Valley District Choir, after which Bro. Clifford had the audience stand and sing the National Anthem. Adjudicators were Allan and Lorraine Cannon and Ron Plant of Stroud. The accompanist for all the mission functions was Neil Turner, and a special award was given to him for accompanying the afternoon sessions and the concert, and to Jan Busath of Portsmouth District, who accompanied at the morning session. Elaine Lawrence of Crawley was the winner of the covered Cup for the second year running. Special merit was given to the Bracknell

Branch for having the most participants. Sis. M. Green of Aldershot was overall winner in the vocal solo competition.

The Arts and Crafts Festival was organised by the THAMES VALLEY District M.I.A. and sections included: cookery, needlework, knitting, handicraft, woodwork, water and oil painting, sketches and an open section. The work was of an exceptionally high standard and all age groups were well represented. Exhibits were varied and original and showed great thought and effort. They included a marble-topped table, wooden toys, a crochet bed-spread, a picture made from beads, a cake in the form of a crinoline lady, and some very beautiful paintings. The judges were Allan Cannon, Vera Richards and Ron Plant.

★ The HIGH WYCOMBE Branch report good progress in their Building fund projects. Activities in the last seven weeks have raised over £300. The most recent event was a "Lantern Fair" which attracted much favourable comment in the local press over two issues, firstly as to the purposes of the fair, and secondly on the Fair itself with photographs of the side-shows which were well patronised.

NORTH BRITISH MISSION LIVERPOOL DISTRICT AARONIC PRIESTHOOD YOUTH VISIT TEMPLE

★ On 4th Oct. six members of the Aaronic Priesthood Youth from the LIVERPOOL District, accompanied by their District President John Hender and Rex Edwards, of the Aaronic Youth Committee, set out for the London Temple. The boys were Derek Hoare, David Doughty, Colin Rimmer, Andrew Watson, John Woods and Stephen Edwards. At

Warrington came their first 'adventure', when the driver's door came off, this was finally replaced by a great deal of effort on the part of the two drivers, and with everyone singing the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" they renewed their journey and approached the M6. Here Colin Rimmer and Derek Hoare battled with the task of preparing dinner whilst still in motion. Bro. Edwards then started the game of "Seek", acting as question master, until they took a stop on the M1. They arrived on the outskirts of London about 4.30 p.m. and an hour later they were exploring the city on foot. They visited many interesting and famous places.

The Temple was a beautiful sight as they arrived at 9.15 p.m. but so were their beds! They awoke with a sense of real achievement on the Saturday morning, and enjoyed breakfast prepared for them by Pres. Hender and Bro. Edwards. Then wearing their best clothes they entered the Temple and were greeted by Temple President Dougald McKeown who made them very welcome. The group were able to complete 140 baptisms and it was a wonderful experience for them all. They left the Temple at 3.00 p.m. and called into the Deseret Book Store, and enjoyed browsing round the books. Then they saw the show "Fiddler on the Roof" at Her Majesty's Theatre, and later spent the night at the Y.M.C.A. After breakfast next morning they attended the Priesthood Meeting at the Hyde Park Chapel, where they met famous golfer Billy Casper and were thrilled to be able to speak to him. Soon they were on their way home again, and after lunch on the M1 arrived safely back in Liverpool in time for the Conference Relay from Salt Lake City. This was a wonderful ending to a trip which they agreed was a wonderful spiritual experience.



Liverpool youth who visited London Temple, Rex Edwards, Derek Hoare, Colin Rimmer, Stephen Edwards, Andrew Watson, David Doughty and John Woods.

★ Sept. 7th was a special day for the saints in the HULL District, when many of them gathered in the BEVERLEY Chapel to listen to Elder Spencer W. Kimball, of the Council of the Twelve, and were all greatly inspired.

Another big event in BEVERLEY was the M.I.A.'s Dinner/Dance, organised under the direction of Supervisor Robert Thistleton. The event began with a delicious meal that included grapefruit, turkey dinner, with ice cream and fruit dessert, the meal was prepared by Sis. Fenwick with the help of the R. S. sisters and some of the brethren. Approximately 66 attended the dinner, but many more came along afterwards for the dance. The Dave Edalon Trio kept everyone on their feet through the evening with a variety of dances and songs.

their young members who were leaving to go to University. William Gill Skea to Manchester, David France to Bradford and Judith Jackson to Sheffield. They are all very active members and before they left Pres. Ramsbottom presented each one with a gift from the branch.



David France, Judith Jackson and William Skea, all attending university.

★ September was also a busy month for the CARLISLE Branch, on the 13th they held a Farewell social for three of

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Dear God, today please guard my tongue
That it may do no harm,
Let every word which leaves my lips
Be loving, kind, and warm.

For feet can kick and hands can hurt
When tempers become frayed,
But the tongue's a deadlier weapon
Than any other made.

For hands can break a body, but
The tongue can break a heart.
Can crush men and can destroy them,
And tear the soul apart.



The tongue is so hard to control,
Those nasty words just come.
For it can be such a weapon,
This thing we call the tongue.

And yet if properly controlled
It can bring comfort too.
Can sooth, encourage, and spread love
To everyone around you.

So think about this carefully,
Pray for help from above,
And you can change this weapon to
An Instrument of love.



(By Ann Stoner, age 16, 28 Redbridge
Gardens, Dalwood Street, Camberwell,
S.E.5.)

The Relief Society held their opening social on the 24th, and after a discussion on the winter programme and a few games, the sisters were entertained to a three course dinner prepared and served by the M.I.A. This was a lovely surprise and was the young people's way of showing their appreciation for the help that the sisters had given them in the past.

On Oct. 12th a Pea and Pie supper was organised by Primary Mother, Sis. Stainton and her assistants. After supper a social was held at which they honoured Elder McDonald who was celebrating his 21st birthday. He received a lovely cake to mark the occasion and also a tie pin.

BRITISH MISSION

★ Mission Pres. Reed E. Callister and his wife attended when LOWESTOFT Branch held it's first "Open House". In the afternoon the visitors were shown around all the class rooms and Cultural hall where each auxiliary had laid out their programme of events, and the film "Man's Search for Happiness" was shown hourly. During the evening there was a programme of Jazz, ballads, classics and pop by the young Elders. The Relief Society sisters were in charge of the buffet arrangements and they served over 250 people.

★ GORLESTON Branch M.I.A. chose Country and Western style for their opening social on Oct. 1st. About 40 members and friends attended, and most of them were in fancy dress. Western music was played and dances performed, until it was time for a supper of sausages, baked beans and jacket potatoes. The evening was then rounded off with a sing song.

Because many summer visitors had

difficulty in finding the Gorleston Branch this year, we have been asked to give the address and times of meetings, and an invitation to anyone who may be in the vicinity to visit them.

Gorleston Branch, 58 Lowestoft Road, Gorleston-on-sea, Norfolk. Sunday School 11 a.m. Sacrament 6 p.m. M.I.A. 7.30 p.m. Tuesday. Relief Society 7.30 p.m. Wednesday and Primary 4.30 p.m. Wednesday.

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Forty members of the BEDFORD Branch took an outing to the Suttleworths Aircraft Collection at Old Warden recently. They found it very interesting to see the older types of aircraft and equipment. There were also many old cars dating back over the years, and bicycles ranging from the Penny Farthing to the more modern ones of this age. After touring the museum, a picnic lunch was eaten in the adjoining field and races were organised for the children and the grown-ups. The weather was good with plenty of sunshine, and everyone thanked Michael Bohels, the elders quorum group leader, who organised the outing.

★ A twenty mile "Charity Walk" was accomplished on 21st Sept. by several members of the BANBURY Branch in aid of the Building Fund. The walk began at the meeting house at 8 a.m. and the route took them to H.A.F. Croughton and then back again to Banbury. The children had their own six mile walk from Banbury to Adderbury and back to the Chace's home where squash and biscuits awaited them. Approximately £65 was raised.

At the Primary opening social the children were invited to come dressed as Pirates, which proved to be a very

popular suggestion. Games were played and light refreshments served by Pres. Joy Heath and her counselor Jennie Chace.

The Relief Society invited their husbands to join them at the opening social. A Pot-Luck supper. 1st Counselor Dorothy McKibbin then introduced each teacher who gave an outline of the coming lessons.

★ THE CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION extended an invitation to the LEICESTER STAKE this year to join them at their M.MEN/GLEANER Convention held at the Hayes Conference Centre, Swan-

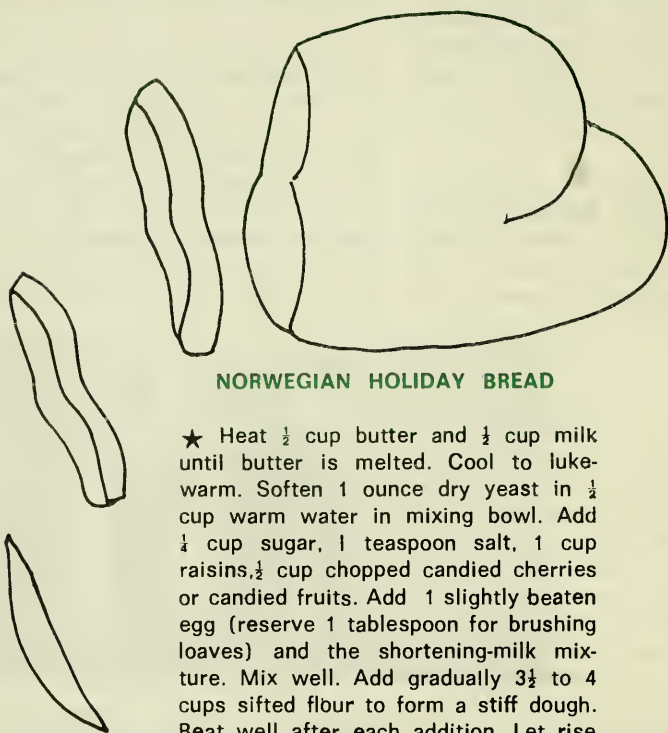
wick, Derbys, on 4/5/6th Oct. Approximately 30 stake members accepted the invitation and really enjoyed the very full weekend of talent and fun, in which they were able to participate.

The convention began on Friday afternoon, with special activities to occupy those who had arrived early. They came from as far apart as North Wales, Worcester, Peterborough, Birmingham, Leicester, and Nottingham, and many of them met for the first time as they gathered together at dinner that evening. There was no shyness or unfriendliness however, as everyone was bub-

Midlands West singing group.



Pow Wow of Midlands North District.



NORWEGIAN HOLIDAY BREAD

★ Heat $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter and $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk until butter is melted. Cool to lukewarm. Soften 1 ounce dry yeast in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water in mixing bowl. Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup raisins, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup chopped candied cherries or candied fruits. Add 1 slightly beaten egg (reserve 1 tablespoon for brushing loaves) and the shortening-milk mixture. Mix well. Add gradually $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 4 cups sifted flour to form a stiff dough. Beat well after each addition. Let rise in warm place until doubled in size ($1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours.) Turn out on floured surface. Toss lightly until dough is coated with flour and not sticky. Shape dough as follows: (1) Either divide into two parts and shape into round loaves—place on greased baking sheet or two well greased 8 ounce round pans, or star shaped pans, or (2) divide into three parts—shape into round loaves and place in three well greased 1 pound tins. Cover. Let rise until light and doubled in size (about 1 hour). Bake in moderate oven 350° for 30 to 35 minutes.



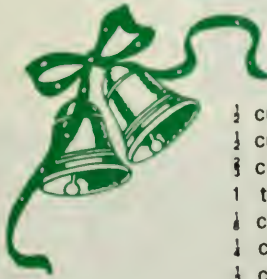
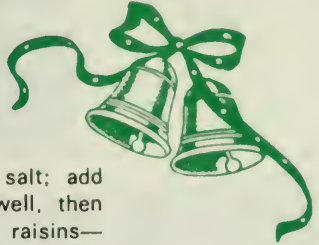
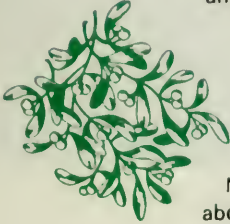


CHRISTMAS BREAD

★ Mix together $\frac{1}{2}$ cup warm water, 1 ounce dry yeast, and 1 teaspoon sugar and leave to set about 10 minutes.

- 2 cups warm milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup candied fruit
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins (optional)

Mix milk, egg, sugar and salt; add about a cup of flour—stir well, then add yeast, candied fruit and raisins—add enough flour to be able to handle. It is better if dough is left a little sticky. Cover with a towel and let rise. After it has risen, put dough on floured board, knead, roll out $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick. Roll up and put in round pan. Let rise again and bake 1 hour or until loose in pan. Frost lightly with a thin frosting of icing sugar, butter and milk.



CHRISTMAS STOLLEN

- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lard
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon flavouring
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup milk (more if needed)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup raisins
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup currants
- 2 citron peel
- 1 egg
- 6 cups flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder

Sift flour with baking powder, then put $\frac{2}{3}$ of flour and mix with milk. Then mix the fruit, butter, sugar and egg. If dough is too soft, put in more flour. Bake at 350° until light brown.



Leicester Stake quartet.



Wales North singing group.

Gaiety from Wales North District.





Pres. and Sis. Cannon after coronation.

bling over with excitement. After dinner the contests began with the talent show. Here, each district put on a twenty minute Road show based on the convention theme "The Road we Walk", and the roads they chose were certainly all different providing plenty of scope for singing, dancing and colourful costumes.

A buffet then provided light refreshments, and a short break to prepare for the theme development, where each district was allocated a scripture taken from the "Beatitudes". Even then the evening was not over for an informal fireside followed with favourite party pieces.

Eventually they did retire, but only for a short while and early risers commenced the next day with a testimony meeting in the lounge. Twenty young people were able to bear their testimonies, and a very fine spirit was felt there. After breakfast the speech and singing groups participated in the conference hall, and later the drama finals took place. Pres. and Sis. George I. Cannon, and Pres. and Sis. Kenneth J. Poole, were guests of honour at the

banquet that evening, when Mission Y.M. Supt, Bertram Merrell acted as master of ceremonies and Derek Cuthbert as toastmaster.

After the banquet the Gold and Green ball commenced in the hall. As usual on these occasions, the mission board performed a short skit, in which Pres. Poole received a large Key, giving him "The Freedom of the Roads", and Pres. and Sister. Cannon were crowned "King and Queen of the Road". In reply they sang their own version of "Thanks for the Memory". A silver cup was presented to the Wales North District who had been awarded the most points from the various events of the convention. The Adjudicators were Bro. and Sis. Warriner from the Leeds Stake M.I.A. Gladys Jones, Mission Relief Society president and Richard Burton, Stake Y.M.M.I.A. supt.

Sunday morning commenced with a testimony meeting held by the side of the lake, and following breakfast a 2½ hour conference was held in the chapel. Speakers included young people and leaders from both the Stake and the Mission all following different aspects of the theme. All too soon it was over, and after lunch they said their good byes and departed for their homes, but they will not forget the wonderful fellowship and inspiration they received during this memorable weekend.

INVERCLYDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING COURSE

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for the fourth successive year, and was led by Tom and Sue Hezseltine, Brian and Bernice West, Ray Ferrar and Keith Wykes. Their aim was to help to train people to become good leaders, both in M.I.A. administration and in athletic and cultural fields. Sis. West led the lessons on administration with her usual charm and quality.

The cultural prospectus consisted of speech workshops, organised mainly by the members from the London Stake, folk dancing presented by Geoff Harris, and folk singing conducted by Tom Hezseltine. At these sessions they were also entertained by various people who produced an excellent standard of entertainment.

The athletic programme was quite demanding (on the muscles) and for the separate events they had excellent coaches. The boys were very pleased to welcome back their friend Bobby McLaren to coach football. Bobby is now the coach for the Scottish 2nd division club Dumbarton.

The basketball coach for both boys and girls, was Loughborough graduate Bob Farley, who is also a Church member. The badminton was also mixed, and this time the coach was Inverclyde's assistant warden, Bill Moody, who was an immediate hit with the girls. The keep-fit session for the girls was taught by Jean Farthing, a big hit with the boys.

Volleyball was in the capable hands of Ray Ferrar, who scored a big hit with the ground when he fell off his ladder. The minor games session was led mainly by Bro. Hezseltine, who called upon various others to coach different games, and so improve their own standard of coaching. During the week the girls were able to learn camp-

crafting and also earn awards in this field.

As usual, there were highlights which stood out, the early morning testimony meeting on a deserted beach; the fire-side, the potted sports, which reminded one of a most gruelling pentathlon. Then there was the "International" football match between England and Scotland, refereed by Ray Ferrar, who this year wore a vivid coloured golfers' cap and very dark sunglasses, which prevented him from being recognised by angry fans, and from recognising much of what occurred on the field.

The actual game ended in a 1-1 draw, a fair result.

The event of the week, the social and dance, took place on the Friday night, complete with top class entertainment and excellent food.

Everyone was grateful to the Warden, Altham Turner, for his everlasting patience and kindness, and to his assistant Bill Moody and the rest of the staff.

There is no doubt that leadership throughout the British Isles is improving because of these courses, so if you want to get ahead, you too had better go to an M.I.A. Training course.

SOUTHWEST BRITISH MISSION

★ "Winter Wonderland" was the theme of the Devon District Roadshow which took place at Plymouth on 28th Sept. Members of each branch wrote, acted and produced their own play. PLYMOUTH were the winners by a narrow majority of points, and they now go on to the next round, competing with other heat winners from S.W. England including Wales, Bristol and Cornwall. The show was written by Sylvia Blott and produced by Irene Gadsby; those taking part included Angela Smith, Ann Giles, Roberta Hewlett, Andre Anthony,

Roderick Maddock and Michael Storey—Pres. Norris of Newton Abbott, J. Jennings from Exeter and Mrs. Watt, an unbiased visitor from Westward TV, acted as judges.

★ PLYMOUTH Branch Relief Society held their opening social on Sept. 24th and invited their families and friends. The evening began with dances to suit all ages, and then various party games were played. After the refreshments, the lesson previews were given, and then Pamela March and Joan Eaton sang two songs accompanied by Jean Knowles at the piano. A fashion show followed during which the sisters and their children showed clothes which they had made themselves, ranging from evening dresses made and modelled by Yvonne Reeson and Rose Maries Wall, both teenagers, to a lace jabot and cuffs for her "with it" shown by Sis. Symonds.

A beautiful lace tablecloth was presented to the branch R.S. Pres. Joan Bennett by the Mission R.S. Pres. Violet Reeson, on behalf of Pres. and Sis. Barton, who have now returned to America. The Bartons expressed the wish that when the sisters used the cloth, they will remember them.

Bill Moir and his wife Rita, two new members, did a short skit.

The sisters also went on an outing in September to see the film "Star".

★ Bro. J. Babidge, president of the Bournemouth Branch and his counselors Bros. H. Heal and R. Gerrard were released recently as Bro. Babidge has been called to serve as 1st counselor in the South Coastal District presidency. The new president is R. Gerrard, previously 2nd counselor, who prior to moving to the Bournemouth area just

over 12 months ago, was president of the Southport Branch. Bro. P. Wheat is 1st counselor with Bro. N. Gillingham as clerk.

★ Torquay, Devon was the setting for the annual M.I.A. Youth Conference of the Southwest British Mission where over 400 young people met for a week-end of games, competition, and a lot of fun. The conference started with a bang as the starter guns fired and excited competitors dove into the cool water of the pool and raced against time. The competition was keen and was marked by some very close finishes and a lot of excitement.

Outstanding talent was displayed by the M.I.A. youth in the speech, music, and poetry competition. The tales were taller than ever and the audience was captured and entranced by the beautiful voices of young LDS youth singing both sacred and popular music.

There was entertainment galore as each of the districts took the stage and presented their production of "Winter Wonderland". The judges found it very difficult to decide who had the best roadshow.

Saturday was sports day and although



Winning floral arrangement submitted by Philipa Pullman, counselor in mission presidency.



Success of Southwest British Mission Youth Conference belongs to officers, from left, front, Valerie Ball, YWMIA secretary; June Burton, YW correspondent secretary; Berniece West, YW president and Pat Perry, activity counselor; back, Alan Taylor, YMMIA assistant superintendent; Bryan West, YM superintendent and Hal Perry, counselor in Bristol District presidency.

rain dampened the playing fields, it failed to dampen the exuberant spirits of the competitors. The skill that was displayed made the competition very tight and the games were exciting to the finish.

The convention was concluded on

Plymouth Branch Relief Society sisters entering the cinema on their annual outing.



THE MILLENNIAL STAR

Sunday by a very spiritual testimony meeting and a session of Youth Conference. The speakers gave timely talks centered around the theme of the conference, "Rebels With A Cause". They talked to the youth of their many opportunities and responsibilities as members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Each went away well rewarded spiritually and with a greater determination to do right and to stand firm on the ideals that Christ taught.

As each started homeward, he took with him something that he hadn't brought. The spirit of competition of sportsmanship, of brotherhood, and of love filled their hearts to the brim and each had within himself pledged that he or she, indeed, would be a Rebel . . . With a Cause.

LEICESTER STAKE

★ SOUTH BIRMINGHAM WARD joined with NORTHFIELD BRANCH for the M.I.A. opening social in September, which took the form of a Pioneer party. A huge backcloth by Pat Connaughton, depicting pioneers and their wagons set the scene, giving added zest to the opening song, "Put your shoulder to the wheel". Three sisters, spotlighted in the darkened room, narrated the story

of the trek across the plains, and the evening continued with singing round the camp fire, and items from the Such family and the Mission-airs. Square dancing used up surplus energy, and a performance of an Indian dance "Hunting the Eagle", by three brethren gained great applause. Refreshments of traditional "Out West" fare were doubly welcome at the end of the very successful evening.

The ward held their Relief Society opening social on Sept. 25th, and in spite of bad weather about 30 sisters and their husbands attended. Each teacher had prepared a table to illustrate her lessons and to encourage all sisters to attend during the year. After the previews, games dancing and refreshments ended the evening.

★ EASTWOOD WARD'S Harvest Thanksgiving service was held Sept. 27th, with harvest songs and talks. Afterwards a fine array of vegetables, fruit and home-made produce were sold under the direction of Bishop Hill, and a considerable sum raised for the ward building fund.

★ The Stake Primary Showtime zoned at Woodsetton was held early in September, with Robert Sherratt acting as compere. The first item on the programme was "Snow White and the 10 Dwarfs", by the BIRMINGHAM NORTH Ward. A lot of hard work had gone into the making of costumes and learning parts, and the children showed their enjoyment as they sang "We'll sing and play and work all day".

★ WALSALL Branch put on a puppet show, where the puppets were made and worked by the children. They consisted of such characters as Robert Worm, Beatles Group, Dancing Cater-

pillars, Balancing Ants, Jimmy Saville and Sammy Spider.

WOODSETTON presented a variety show, entitled "Wooing through the ages", showing the various ways in which this has changed. The afternoon was organised by Margaret Woods of the Stake Primary Board and was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

★ At WALSALL Branch Relief Society opening social, the sisters and their husbands enjoyed a sing song led by John Mills and his guitar. Poetry reading and games created much laughter and lavish refreshments prepared everyone for their homeward trek.

★ After the introduction of the new teachers and lesson previews at the NOTTINGHAM Relief Society opening social, the sisters were entertained by Briony Green at the piano, fun songs with Sue Hezseline and Margaret Burton, and games organised by Pres. June Cooper. Then they were able to help themselves from a beautiful buffet table prepared by Rhoda Tinson, Joan Needham, Dorothy Hibbert and others.

★ A novel "1066 and All That" appeared in the Stake Roadshow in October. The variations on the Theme moving from NUNEATON'S White-robed kings in the pre-existence to BIRMINGHAM'S Harold and William portrayed as Harold Wilson and DeGaulle, with their followers dressed in typical British and French attire. During this episode David Mace caused much laughter with his monologue on the "Battle of Hastings".

Laughter also followed the result of DERBY'S Battle of Hastings, where Harold was also seen as Harold Wilson in a very polished skit. Another modern theme was brought in by WEDNES-

FIELD, when two missionaries went back into history trying to teach the Gospel to the Normans. Their success being more than they bargained for, when it included the modernisation and Americanisation of their family and the "Normanisation" of the missionaries.

LEICESTER gave a newscast of the Norman Invasion, using the "Tapestry News" as their new invention. SOUTH BIRMINGHAM too were concerned with new inventions, this time their cry was "Down with bowls" and Drake was their subject. WALSALL Branch won first place with their dream of Nell Gwynn and King Charles, Henry VIII and his wives and Robin Hood!

Second and third places were taken by LEICESTER and DERBY Wards. More than 300 people watched the show, which was compered by Richard Cooper and judged by Bro. and Sis. Williams and Sis. Taylor.

★ The Third Quorum of Elders of the LEICESTER STAKE held a social at the Nottingham chapel recently. 'Jack' Wilson of Mansfield acted as the entertainment chairman and Kristaph Redisons of Eastwood compered the programme.

Items included the Eastwood Singing Mothers who sang a medley of Old Tyme songs, Chris Marshall from Mansfield, who gave a talented performance with songs and guitar, two sparkling comedy acts from Bro. Wilson, a monologue from Bro. Chambers and several songs from Bro. Stevenson.

The evening was completed with mouth watering refreshments provided by Doris Stevenson and her helpers, Hilda Storer, June Cooper, Joan and Beverley Needham.

LONDON STAKE

★ Members of the High Priests' Quorum enjoyed a visit to the Buckinghamshire village of Waddesdon, which is situated North West of Aylesbury. The afternoon was spent in the house and grounds of the great manor house on the edge of the village, and an enjoyable picnic was made in the grounds. The house was built in 1880-9 in the French Renaissance style and was bequeathed to the National Trust by James de Rothschild together with its magnificent collection of French furniture, paintings porcelain and books.

★ All the members of the stake presidency, high council and their wives gathered together at the Hyde Park Chapel on Sept. 30th for a purely social evening. A dinner was beautifully prepared by the ladies of the group, and afterwards they were able to relax and enjoy each others company in the Relief Society suite. Special features of the entertainment were the impromptu talks on unlikely subjects by George Mosdell, George Vousden, Preston Nibley, and Arthur Willmott, and the singing of Sis. Rene Hill.

★ On Oct. 4th, members of the EPSOM Ward held a very successful Fellowship Social. About 30 members of the ward together with the Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead introduced themselves to the newcomers of the ward family. Refreshments were prepared by members of the Relief Society under the direction of Ngawati Clarke.

★ On October 19th the young women of LONDON STAKE participated in a very special evening, organised by Fawn Bartholomew, the stake YWMIA age group counselor. The two aims of

the evening were to promote greater understanding of Church standards and to honour the young women who had achieved awards in the MIA programmes.

The programme began with a panel from Croydon Branch presenting Church dress standards. A fashion show, narrated by Gillian Cary of South London Ward, was presented by four wards—Epsom Ward (evening wear), Hyde Park (casual wear), and St. Albans and South London, (day dress).

Three short talks were given on different aspects of Church standards—dance (Dawn Harrison, North London Ward), roadshows (Julie Noyce, Luton Ward) and public (Mary Smith, Luton Ward).

Pauline Doggett, the stake YWMIA president, then introduced all the young women in the stake who had achieved individual and class awards during the past MIA year. Each girl was presented to an honour panel consisting of Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead and his counselors, the high council advisors to the MIA and the stake YWMIA presidency. Each girl was also presented with a flower.

The girls who had earned Campcrafter awards were also honoured. One special achievement was noted, in that Teresa Guillisford of St. Albans Ward, achieved her Adventurer Award. She is believed to be the first girl in the British Isles to achieve all four levels in Campcrafter by doing only one level at a time each year. Others have achieved all four levels in accelerated programmes only.

On behalf of the stake presidency, Pres. Thomas Hill, counselor assigned to MIA, congratulated the girls and their leaders on these achievements.

Guest speaker was Sis. Phyllis Hart

of the London Temple, who spoke to each of the girls' age groups in turn and left many encouraging and inspirational thoughts with them.

To close the evening, a group of young men from North London Ward sang a special version of "The Girl That I Marry," while four recent young brides from the stake made a beautiful picture in their wedding gowns.

The girls and their mothers each brought a banana which was used as the basis for a banana boat with ice cream and fruit toppings furnished by the MIA, for a delightful closing refreshment.

LONDON STAKE

★ Saturday the 12th October will long be regarded as a memorable occasion by the Saints in Luton Ward. On this evening a "Help Dedicate" Dinner and Show was held. The aim was to raise enough money to clear the cost of the Luton Chapel thus enabling the building to be dedicated.

The committee, headed by Sis. Gladys Noyce as chairman, worked very hard and the smooth running of the programme was a tribute to the efforts they made. Committee members were Sis. Gwen Boughton, Elder Treavor Burrell, Elder John Hood, Sis. Frieda Leeuwenburgh and Elder Leslie Lloyd.

The theme for the evening was "The Roaring Twenties" and this was carried out in the decoration of the Cultural Hall and also in the costumes of the girls of the YWMIA who acted as waitresses.

An excellent dinner was cooked and served by the Sisters and friends of Luton Ward Relief Society ably led by



Mayor C. Jephson of Luton addressing crowd at Luton Ward dinner.

Sis. Jill McMullen their president.

After the dinner, the two hundred and sixty people present settled down to watch a most enjoyable variety show. Many members of Luton Ward were participants joined by members from South London, North London, Huddersfield, Epsom, Letchworth and Crawley. Acts ranged from duets to dances, monologue to Mozart and comedy to a Combo.

A Dress-the-Doll Competition organised by Sis Mabel Hood had been held in the Ward and these dolls were auctioned during the interval. Elder John Hood making a very capable auctioneer.

Guests included the London Stake President, Joseph Hamstead Jnr., and Sis. Hamstead. Guests of Honour were the Mayor of Luton, Councillor C. Jephson and Mrs. Jephson.

Councillor Jephson expressed his desire to be present at the Dedication

Service should this occur during his term of office as Mayor of Luton.

The financial target set for the evening was reached easily thus enabling the building to be paid for and it is hoped that dedication will take place next Spring.

STEVENAGE

★ The Lihoma Mother and Daughter party for girls of the STEVENAGE Ward Primary, London Stake, was held recently the theme being an "Edwardian Evening." The girls made their own costumes and hats with some help from their mothers.

The group played indoor croquet as the weather was dismal. The girls were beaten in the game by their mothers.

Following refreshments old fashioned songs were sung and then the girls displayed sketches they had also produced.



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Sis. Jill McMullen, left, Relief Society president; her mother Sis. Gudgin and Sis. Pam Ratcliff, second counselor, dishing up dinners at Luton Ward.

CONGRATULATIONS BIRTHS

★ To Roy and Jennie Chace, Bedford Branch Central British Mission a daughter, Julie Renée.

★ To Pres. and Sis. Bryan Green, Addlestone Branch, British South Mission, a daughter Melinda.



Mayor and Mayoress C. Jephson, right, greeted by Bishop Monitor C. Noyce, Sis. Noyce, and Sis. Mabel Hood at Luton's "Help Dedicate" dinner.

★ October 4th—To Peter and Jeanette Aldridge, Lowestoft Branch, British Mission, a son John Peter Stephen.

ENGAGEMENTS

★ David Spalding of Daikeith Branch and Mary Grace Foster, Kirkcaldy Branch, Scottish Mission.

MARRIAGES

★ Two converts to the Church, Margaret Moore and Albert Toyne, were married in the Middlesbrough Chapel on Sept. 14th. The bride wore a full-length dress of lace with pearl trimming and her bridesmaids wore mauve. The chapel was beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations arranged on stands to look like small trees. Jeff Mawlam of Billingham was best man.

★ Kenneth Gorman of Peterlee and Mary Smith of Crewe Branch were married in the Manchester Stake House on September 14th.

★ Dennis Gary Price of Spanish Fork, Utah, and Patricia Ernestine McElderry of Peterlee Branch were married in the Manti Temple on September 12th.

★ Philip Aldred and Marion Barnes, both of Eastwood Ward, were married on September 7th, Bishop Hill performed the ceremony.

★ Carol Clarke and Peter Andrew Smith, both recent converts to the Church, were married on September 28th in the Nottingham Chapel. Bishop Green performed the ceremony. The bride's dress, which contained over 40 yards of Nottingham lace, and tulle was made by Hilda Storer and Doris Stevenson. Phillip Martin acted as bestman.



Marion Barnes and Philip Alfred after their wedding at Eastwood.

★ Ian Taylor and Christine Stone were married in the East Hull Chapel on September 28th. The following Saturday they joined the Hull District on their visit to the Temple, where many of their friends were able to witness their Temple ceremony.



Carol Clarke and Peter Smith leaving Nottingham Chapel.

★ Peter Boulter and Carol Toft were married at Romford Chapel, September 6th. The ceremony was performed by Bishop D. J. Peake of Romford Ward, London Stake.

Pres. Dougald C. McKeown of the London Temple, addressed the couple. A solo, "The Temple by the River" was sung by Pauline Doggett, accompanied by Sis. Grace McKeown, temple matron.

After the reception the couple left for a honeymoon in Devon.



Carol Taft and Peter Boulter on day of their wedding.

OBITUARY

★ Funeral services were held the middle of November for Dorothea Vale, 73, a faithful and active member of the Bristol First Branch, Southwest British Mission. Sis. Vale had been a member of the Church since 1925. She had served as a counselor in the Primary, as branch and district organist and in the Y.W.M.I.A. in many areas compos-

ing music for many special programmes, making costumes for roadshows and festivals and writing scripts. Her skill and talents will be sadly missed.

IMPORTANT

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NORTH BRITISH MISSION

★ Anthony Calvert of Burnley Branch, North British Mission left Britain in September to serve on a Building Mission in Essen, Germany

CENTRAL BRITISH MISSION

★ Before the leaves turned to gold, REDDITCH Primary made sure of having a wonderful outing at Dodrill Common in the heart of Worcestershire, chaperoned by Joan Mason for a country ramble. They had a well earned rest before consuming a picnic lunch, and enjoyed every minute.

★ October 27th, 1968, Date of Ordination.

Elder: White, Eric (Frederick A. King) Aberdare. Purdy, Robert Norman (Arnold Jones) Merthyr. Elder: Dewhurst, Clifford (William W. Hillman) Pembroke. Elder: Short, George Fredrick Peter (John H. Cox) Newport.

Temple Schedule

LONDON TEMPLE SCHEDULE 1969

SATURDAY ASSIGNMENTS

JANUARY

- 4 Br. South, N. British, London
- 11 British, Cen. Brit., Glasgow
- 18 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
- 25 London, Leeds

FEBRUARY

- 1 Br. South, N. British, London
- 8 British, Cen. Brit., Scottish
- 15 Leicester, Manchester, Leeds
- 22 British, Leeds

MARCH

- 1 Br. South, N. British, London
- 8 British, Cen. Brit.
- 15 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
- 22 Glasgow, Leeds
- 29 London, Leeds, Sunderland

APRIL

- 5 Br. South, N. British, Scottish
- 12 British, Cen. British
- 19 Leicester, Manchester, S.W.B.
- 26 London, Leeds

MAY

- 3 Br. South, N. British
- 10 British, Cen. Brit.
- 17 S.W.B., Manchester
- 24 Leicester, Glasgow
- 31 London, Leeds, Sunderland

JUNE

- 7 Br. South, N. British, Scottish
- 14 British, Cen. Brit.
- 21 Leicester, S.W.B.
- 28 London, Leeds

JULY

- 5 Br. South, N. British
- 12 British, London
- 19 Leicester, Manchester, Br. South
- 26 London, Leeds, Sunderland

AUGUST

- 2 Br. South, N. British, Scottish, Leic
- 9 British, Cen. Brit., Glasgow, London
- 16 CLOSED
- 23 CLOSED
- 30 CLOSED

BANK HOLIDAY AND OTHER SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

JANUARY

20/23 Relief Soc: British, Br. South

FEBRUARY

10/13 Relief Soc: London, Leicester

MARCH

10/13 Relief Soc: Cen. British, S.W.B.

24/27 Relief Soc: Manchester, N. British

APRIL

4 Good Friday: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am

7 Easter Mon: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am

28 April/1st May

Relief Soc: Glasgow, Scottish

MAY

12/15 Relief Soc: Sunderland, Leeds, Irish

26 Whit. Mon: 6.45am, 9.0am, 11.15am.

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Doors close 20 minutes before session times stated above.

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Testimony Most Precious Thing The President Tells Priesthood

By President David O. McKay

At the Priesthood session of Conference

The most precious thing in the world is a testimony of the Truth.

Truth never grows old and the truth is that God is the source of your priesthood and mine. The truth is that He lives; that Jesus Christ, the Great High Priest, stands at the Head of the Church, and that every man who holds the priesthood, if he lives properly, soberly, industriously, humbly, and prayerfully, is entitled to the inspiration and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I know that is true.

Any man, holding a position in this Church cannot afford to side step to the slightest degree his great responsibility of living the Gospel as he preaches it and of being an example to the "flock."

Whenever the Priesthood is delegated to man, it is conferred upon him, not

as a personal honour—although it becomes such as he honours it—but as authority to represent Deity, and an obligation to assist the Lord in bringing to pass the immortality and eternal life of man.

If priesthood meant only personal distinction or individual elevation, there would be no need of groups or quorums. The very existence of such groups established by divine authorization, proclaims our dependence upon one another, the indispensable need of mutual help and assistance.

This element of service and mutual help is emphasized by the Lord in the Doctrine & Covenants, 84:106;

"And if any man among you be strong in the Spirit, let him take with him him that is weak, that he may be edified in all meekness, that he may become strong also."

PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF KNOWLEDGE

"No amount of knowledge, of inspiration and testimony as to the divinity of the work of God will be of benefit to us unless we put that knowledge into actual practice in the daily walks of life. It is not the amount that any individual may know that will benefit him and his fellows; but it is the practical application of that knowledge."

—Heber J. Grant

Seminary Programme Off To A Good Start In Great Britain

★ The response to the Seminary Programme in Gt. Britain has been overwhelming according to John Madsen, Seminary co-ordinator, it has been enthusiastically received not only by the students and teachers, but also by parents and stake leaders.

The programme has been adapted to meet conditions over here and 243 students in the Leicester, Leeds and Manchester Stakes are following the Home Study Programme, which consists of 1 hour daily study, a weekly class with the group teacher and a monthly stake seminary convention with Bro. Madsen which includes study and activity.

Twenty-three students in London Stake and Nineteen in Glasgow are meeting regularly every morning from 7 a.m. till 8 a.m. from Monday till Friday. All students are between the ages of 14 and 18. Bro. Madsen has hopes of extending the programme to the remaining stakes of Gt. Britain and to all of the missions next year, 1969-70.

Leicester	104
Leeds	78
Manchester	61
London	23
Glasgow	19

total 285

★ The London Stake Seminary meets in the Hyde Park chapel with W. David Hemingway as instructor. Elder Hemingway recently returned from his mission in the Brazilian South Mission. He is the son of Pres. Donald W. Hemingway, first counselor in the stake presidency, and Sis. Hemingway.

Bro. Hemingway is a graduate of the Seminary programme and attended the Dixie College in southern Utah. He has served as a Priest Quorum advisor prior to his mission, as YMMIA secretary and while in the mission, as a branch president.

Stake Pres. Joseph Hamstead Jr. greeted the students at the opening

No. of students in each stake.

class. He cited the growth of the Church in Gt. Britain in recent years and how more Church programmes are available to its membership here. Pres. Hamstead let the youth know they are "wanted here" to receive this daytime religious instruction and that if this one class is successful more will be organised later. He also noted the need to let more people know of Jesus Christ and through the Seminary programme young people can build their testimonies and come to know of the truth of the Gospel through participation.

Bishop Bateman of the Hyde Park Ward welcomed the students and explained the Seminary programme helps to "buoy you up to meet the temptations of the day. Its purpose is to make better Latter-day Saints of each of you by gaining a greater testimony."

★ The Seminary system began in 1912 when the first unit was established adjacent to Granite High School in Salt Lake City. Released time from regular high school classes for daily religious education is available presently in Utah, Idaho, Arizona and Wyoming in the United States and in Alberta, Canada. Upon the written request of parents, students are released for one hour per day to participate in an organised programme of religious instruction.

Courses of study consist of four standard courses, ninth grade, the Book of Mormon, its origin, history and message. The Tenth grade studies the New Testament with the approach as a study of the life of Christ and His teachings, plus a study of the apostolic ministry, including the messages and experiences of the first century Christians.

Old Testament, a comprehensive study of its origin, general makeup,

and message applied to the present day is the text for the eleventh grade.

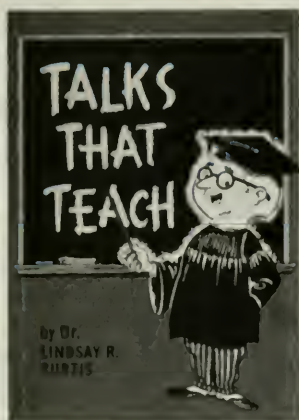
The twelfth grade considers Church history and doctrine to the end that the Church today might be better understood and appreciated.



Handing out supplies by Bishop Bateman, left and Elder Hemingway.

The class begins daily with a special devotional period to enable students to meditate and reflect on their relationship to God. The devotional may consist of group or solo music, sacred or classical; a brief scriptural or inspirational reading and prayer. The entire programme is organised by students in cooperation with the teacher. Student officers plan the devotional programmes, make assignments, conduct group singing, provide the musical accompaniment and handle other details.

Other devotional programmes are frequently presented in the form of religious dramas or pageants in semin-



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Seminary

ary or in the community. Special student groups also participate in the presentation of programmes in local wards upon invitation.

The basic purpose of the institute work is to help students achieve eternal life, with the immediate responsibility to help them find the joy that comes into their lives as they learn to live in harmony with the principles and purposes of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

SEMINARY PROGRAMMES

★ The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has always emphasized education of its members with a knowledge of God and His dealings with men. Its schools, in the earliest years of the Church, provided both secular and religious instruction. The Church has always been firm in the belief that it is unwise to educate the head and neglect the heart.

In later years with development of state schools in the United States the Church has ceased to provide instruction in secular subjects except on the college or university level.

Efforts have been made to establish schools on the elementary and secondary level to meet this need where Church membership has grown and public educational facilities are limited.

Through a unique system of schools the Church has continued to provide a programme of religious education for its youth. Such Church schools operated for this purpose alone are located in proximity to many senior and some junior high schools. These are called "seminaries," those adjacent to colleges

and universities are designated "institutes of religion." Both of these programmes are Church-operated and completely independent of the public schools, complying fully with the doctrine of separation of church and state limiting or prohibiting the teaching of religion in state-supported media of public instruction.

This present (1968) Church educational system includes more than 208 released-time seminaries and approximately 1,820 nonreleased-timed classes where Latter-day Saint students in



Conferring at start of Seminary in Hyde Park Chapel, David Hemingway, left, instructor; Bishop C. Nelden Bateman and London Stake Pres. J. Hamstead Jr.

secondary schools receive daily religious instruction. These seminaries operate in 48 states of the United States, in Mexico and in Canada.

A similar programme of religious instruction is also provided for Indian

members of the Church in 23 states and in Canada.

The Church maintains, on the college level, 73 full-time and 136 part-time institutes of religion serving the religious needs of Mormon students attending other than Church-operated institutions of higher learning. Such institutes of religion are located adjacent to college and university campuses in 33 states of the United States and in the province of Alberta, Canada.

In the Mormon settlement of Colonia Juarez, Mexico, the Church maintains an elementary school and a secondary school called Juarez Academy. The academy also serves students from the elementary school in Colonia Dublan as well as a small school in Colonia Pacheco. Twenty-six elementary schools are currently in operation in other areas throughout the Republic of Mexico. The Benemerito de las Americas School in Mexico City educates children in grades seven through ten and plans ultimately to serve students through normal school. Approximately 4,600 children in the Republic of Mexico are now being educated in Church-sponsored schools.

Three elementary schools accommodating more than 400 children are established in Santiago, Chile.

Also in operation in the Church College of New Zealand is a secondary school, plus one year's post high school education. The enrollment numbers 635 students, the majority of which are boarding students. Fifty of these are Latter-day Saints from Tahiti.

The Church College of Western Samoa, a secondary school near the capital city of Apia, and three elementary schools located at Pesega, Sauniatu, and Vaiola serve approximately 1,250 students on the two islands of Savaii

and Upolu in Western Samoa. Enrollment is approximately 365 students at the new high school which began operation in American Samoa at Mapusaga in 1960.

A system of schools in Tonga operated by the Church includes the Liahona High School and nine side schools (grades 6, 7 and 8) with 1,400 student enrollment.

The Papette Elementary School in Papette, Tahiti, began operations in 1964 and currently serves 480 children.

Latter-day Saint concepts of education are moulded by understanding given to the Church through the Prophet Joseph Smith as revelations from God, included in this compilation of latter-day scripture are the following:

"The glory of God is intelligence, or in other words, light and truth."

(D&C 93:36)

"It is impossible for a man to be saved in ignorance." (D&C 131:6)

"And I give you a commandment that you shall teach one another the doctrine of the kingdom.

"Teach ye diligently and my grace shall attend you, that you may be instructed more perfectly in theory, in principle, in doctrine, in the law of the gospel, in all things that pertain unto the kingdom of God, that are expedient for you to understand.

"Of things both in heaven and in the earth and under the earth; things which have been, things which are, things which must shortly come to pass; things which are at home, things which are abroad; the wars and perplexities of the nations, and the judgments which are on the land; and a knowledge also countries and of kingdoms."

(D&C 88:77-79)

Closing Talk :

President McKay Counsels Leaders To Radiate Character Of Jesus

By President David O. McKay
Address at Closing session of
Conference

★ To you officers and leaders in the stakes and wards, in missions and in temples, it was the divine character of Jesus which drew the women of Palestine to Him; which drew as a magnet the little children to Him. It was that divine personality which attracted men, honest men, pure men. It was also that divine personality which antagonized the impure, the evil men and women.

In the realm of personality and in the kingdom of character, Christ was supreme. By personality, I mean all that may be included in individuality: Personality is a gift from God; it is indeed "a pearl of great price"; an eternal blessing.

Each one's personality may be compared to the Saviour's personality only as one little sunbeam to the mighty sun itself; and yet, though infinitely less in degree, each leader, each teacher's personality should be the same in kind. In the realm of character, each leader and teacher, may be superior, and be such a magnet as will draw around him or her, in an indescribable way, those whom he or she would lead or teach. It is the rad-

iation of the Light which attracts.

Five Traits

Five things which may characterise the successful leader or teacher in the Church are:

1. Implicit faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the Light of the World and a sincere desire to serve Him. This condition of the soul will make for companionship and guidance of the Holy Ghost.

2. Unfeigned love for the child, or member, "Unfeigned—remember how the word is used in that great revelation in the Doctrine and Covenants—"By Love unfeigned," used by the Prophet Joseph Smith. Unfeigned love for the children or members, guided by determination to deal justly and impartially with every member of the Church! Honour the child or member, and the child or member will honour you.

3. Thorough preparation. The successful leader knows his duties and responsibilities and also the members under his direction. The teacher knows his children, as well as the lessons.

4. Cheerfulness—not forced but nat-

ural cheerfulness, springing spontaneously from a hopeful soul.

5. Power to act nobly.

If you want to radiate the Light of the Gospel, that radiation must first come from the leader himself. In the Doctrine & Covenants, the Lord says, "If you keep not my commandments, the love of the Father shall not continue with you, therefore, you shall not walk in the darkness."

Saviour Heads Church

There are many instances about which I could tell you wherein the hand of the Lord has been manifest in guiding His servants. I know it is real.

The Saviour, the Son of God, is at the head of this Church. I am not the head of this Church—Jesus Christ is our Head! I know that the former presidents of the Church knew that,

and declared it Joseph Smith, the Prophet, knew it. This is Christ's Church and we are His messengers, His representatives and it is our duty to keep in touch with Him and know what His wishes are.

If we keep in tune with Christ and His teachings, we are entitled to fellowship with Him. He does not love sin; He does not love lying, nor stealing; misjudging one another, nor condemning others. We have to keep our hearts pure and clean to be worthy of His fellowship.

Let us be courageous in defense of the Right. Be not afraid to speak out for the right. Let us be true. Let us defend the weak, be charitable to our brothers, render help to the sick and the afflicted. The Gospel is the spirit of kindness. Let us honour and sustain the Priesthood in our homes.

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4 weeks clothes rental at 2/6d. per week		10	0
4 weeks food at 4 lunches and 2 teas at 2/6 each	3	0	0
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Total	14	10	0

The above is the cost to you (excluding of course your fares and food when not at the Temple), and below is an example of the amount in allowances you can expect to receive:—

4 weeks at 14 sessions per week—			
	56 at say 4/- per session	11	4 0
Bonus	— 4 at 17/6	3	10 0
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	Total	14	14 0

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"	200	" " 25/-
"	250	" " 30/-
"	300	" " 35/-
"	350	" " 40/-
"	400	" " 45/-
Over	400	" " 50/-

If you need any further help at all please write to the Temple Presidency or ring LINGFIELD 2759.

DO NOT MISS THIS GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

Survey To Locate LDS Students In Great Britain



Peter L. Joyce.

★ The Second National LDS Student Convention (1969) is scheduled next March 27-30 at Sunderland, announces Peter L. Joyce, chairman of the Executive Committee.

Bro. Joyce also informs that a survey is underway to trace every LDS student in Great Britain, at the request of Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve.

The convention is a student initiative with representatives on the executive committee including the following:

Graham Stott, student in English Language and Literature at Jesus College, Oxford, charged with publicity; Kay Moorby, Scarborough's North Riding College of Education, scribe, hist-

orian and archivist; Ronald Asher, chemistry Ph.D. at Manchester University; Peter Davies, biochemistry at Huddersfield; David G. Foote, geography, B.Sc. at Glasgow and Michael Jones, in his fourth (hons.) year reading physics, at the Queen's University, Belfast.

Bro. Joyce says the 1969 convention is being planned as the most exciting happening of the year with the aim to better integrate responses to the Gospel. Emphasis will be on involvement and expression in a variety of situations.

Theme for the convention will be "Must We Compromise".

All LDS students in college are invited to register early by contacting Bro. Joyce or Stott at Jesus College, Oxford.

A census of all student members of the Church in Britain is underway under the direction of Bro. Stott which will be analysed in a report for the General Authorities and the Church Schools System. Primarily requested are names and addresses, but it is hoped that a more complete picture of courses followed, roles in Church, and college enrollment may be obtained. The patterns obtained will be a determinant in future planning for the LDS Students in this country, Bro. Joyce said.

CONVENTION 69

Second National LDS
Student Convention,
1969

March 27-30

Sunderland



Write now to get your name on the mailing
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Graham Stott, CONVENTION 69, Jesus Oxford

the theme—

must we compromise?



DECEMBER 1968

Nothing is so much calculated to lead people to forsake sin as to take them by the hand, and watch over them with tenderness. When persons manifest the least kindness and love to me, O what power it has over my mind, while the opposite course has a tendency to harrow up all the harsh feelings and depress the human mind.

—Joseph Smith

